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The beauty of dance:

The combined talents of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) dance students Julia Dobbins, Kerry Heming, Robyn Ketner, Jill Lewis, Jill Parish, and Maria Rodriguez choreographed and performed a piece to the Selena song 'Dreaming of You' at the Let's Dance! dance recital at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Tuesday, Jan. 21. HHSS is offering dance as part of the school curriculum for the first time and this was the school's first recital showcasing the talents of Grade 10 dance students. This class was taught by Sharon Dibblee.

Challenges ahead for syrup producers

Insect infestations and tax changes threaten to erase meagre profits

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

Local maple syrup producers are not sure what to be more leery of: exotic bugs or new taxation assessment practices. Both, they say, are intent on eating into their meagre profits.

These new threats were among a slew of more routine items discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association held at the Buckhorn Community Centre on January 23.

By far, the most controversial topic for the 50 or so association members present was

the recent move by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to re-classify some maple syrup buildings as industrial rather than farm buildings. As such, industrial tax rates, with anywhere from an 800 to 1,700 per cent increase, might apply to those buildings assessed by MPAC. Land used for syrup trees is still assessed at the farm rate.

Mark Doble, customer service manager for the MPAC's Peterborough office, addressed the assembly and said, "This is not the first time we've done this to farm properties.... It's consistent with our practice."

Doble cited Ontario regulation 292.98

which states "The industrial property class consists of the following: land used for or in connection with manufacturing, producing, processing anything....," as MPAC's basis for the change in designation. "Boiling the water out of sap produces a product sufficiently different to classify it as an industrial operation...."

Doble said, "This applies to significant producers. We won't assess mom and pop operations."

Millbrook syrup producer Connie Danielson of Kennedy's Sugarbush told of her operation's reassessment. "We had an

No help: Dysart says it can't overrule MPAC

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Peter Schleifenbaum's request for Dysart et al to overrule the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's assessment of his property, Haliburton Forest, was turned down by council.

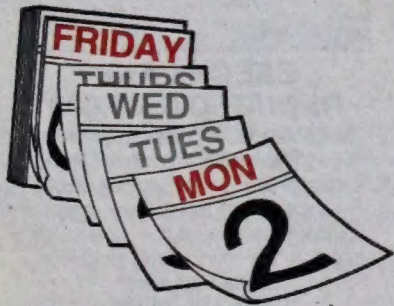
Schleifenbaum has been appealing his tax assessment since 1998. He came to council last week with an update. The matter has now been accepted to be heard by the Superior Court of Ontario and a trial will likely be held this summer or in the early fall, says Schleifenbaum.

He outlined his disagreement with the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation (later called MPAC). It assesses 75 per cent of Haliburton Forest's acreage as waterfront market value under what was known in 1999 as the "band method" and is essentially now called "water influence." He believes the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program's contract he signed in 1998 entitles the property to be assessed at the same level as farmland, of which a large proportion has not been to date.

In 2003 he applied to have the land use designation in Dysart's new Official Plan changed from one that does not allow any development to one that does. Out of 60 lakes, three were changed. Schleifenbaum says this leaves 95 per cent of Haliburton Forest's lake frontages undevelopable even though they are still being assessed by MPAC on their

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Covering the week in a timely fashion...

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Rescued deer finds new home in Muskoka

The young buck which was rescued by Bill and Heidi Challis after almost freezing to death has successfully made the journey to the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau, Ontario. Staff from the sanctuary arrived at the Challis home, which is south of Gooderham, to pick up the buck last Thursday. They sedated him, wrapped him in blankets and took him to the sanctuary. The next morning staff called and told the couple the buck had come around and they had got him on his feet. Heidi says that after he left it was the first night in almost two weeks that they made it to bed before midnight but says she misses him already.

We got a nice note from Doug Morton who was raised in Haliburton up to the age of six by Laura (Curry) and William Baker (the local blacksmith). He sends greetings to "Uncle Buck" Baker, who was the local barber and belonged to the Volunteer Fire

Department. He and his wife Margaret also have many good memories of their trips to Haliburton and visiting Aunt Hazel (Baker) Whittaker and Lloyd Whittaker (Uncle Whit) and their children Curry and Pat and

here & there

news and events worth noting

attending their weddings in Haliburton. Their son Craig Morton is a sergeant with the Toronto Police Services and is now (Aug. 03 to June 04) serving in East Timor as a United Nations Peacekeeper along with five other Canadian volunteers. East Timor is at the south end of Indonesia and is approximately 250 miles north of the Australian coast. "He is interrogating bad guys, interviewing locals and investigating and solving Cold Case Major Crimes that were committed in East Timor." His e-mail address is: craigtimor2003@yahoo.ca.

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The 4C's work is in demand all year round but especially during the Christmas season. Thank you to all that supported the Challenge this year. See you next year!

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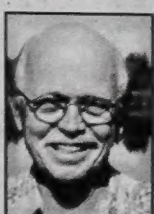
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Boiling sap deemed 'industrial' by MPAC

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assessment increase of approximately 1,300 per cent. We believe they put too high a value on the building and have put in a request for reconsideration. We've also approached all levels of government... The frustrating part is that the food inspection people ask us to improve our facilities. So you follow what one arm of the government asks you to do and then the other one nails you for complying. I thought they were trying to encourage rural business..."

Danielson argues that syrup producers do not use the same services as real industry. "These things are not available to us. We're talking about a process that has been traditionally agricultural and more often than not it's merely a hobby or supplement to an agricultural income."

Haliburton maple syrup producer Bill Beatty also took a dim view of the changes. "If we are assessed at an industrial rate we will close up. It's not worth it to us."

Beatty's comments were echoed by several other producers. Roger Hutchinson of Roger's Sugar House in Minden hoped it wouldn't affect his small operation. "If it does affect us negatively, however, we'll just quit."

Eric Thompson of the Maple Moon syrup operation near Haliburton predicts that "The whole middle of the maple syrup industry will disappear. Only the little guys, who are not affected, and the big producers who can withstand the change, will be unaffected."

A larger producer, Tom Dawson of Gelert, saw this as an opportunity to take advantage of the industrial assessment. "This is a huge opportunity to expand the scope of what we are doing. There's a potential for year round business. It's not a huge leap from what we are doing to making barbecue sauces, for instance..."

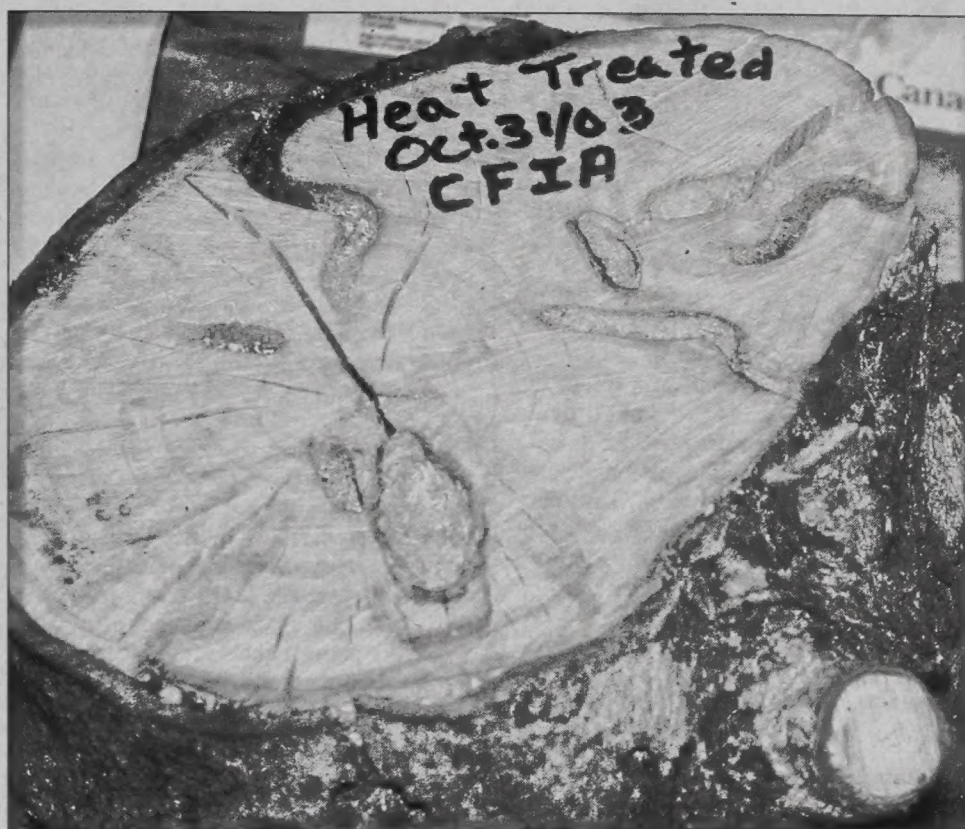
Currently, the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (OMSPA) is in process of engaging the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to resolve the matter. They hope that the ministries will provide MPAC with a direction to reverse all reassessments until a proper definition of "farming activity" is developed. OMSPA also recommends that all members who have been re-assessed file a request for

reconsideration immediately.

As if this were not enough, syrup producers were also warned about two new and potentially devastating invasive species, the Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Long-horned beetle. Though neither species has been found in central Ontario as yet, Bob Keith of the Great Lakes Forestry Centre warned producers to be on guard. "We need to get the word out about these insects and maple syrup producers and others who deal with forests and forest products are our first line of defense. If you see these insects report them immediately to the MNR, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, or Canadian Forest Services."

Both insects attack and kill healthy hardwood trees. They originated in Asia and are thought to have come to North America in wood pallets, crates or dunnage - the logs used to stabilize cargo containers on ships. The Emerald Ash Borer is presently being contained in an area of southwestern Ontario while the Asian Long-horned beetle was discovered last year near Woodbridge, Ontario.

Keith said, "If Asian Long-horned beetles expand their range, they will become noticeable from June through August. They chew wounds in trees and lay their eggs in these sites. Then the newly hatched larva bore their way into the



A cross section of a maple tree showing fatal damage caused by Asian Long-horned beetles

tree and exit by way of holes about 10 millimetres in diameter. It's quite obvious."

Keith described the beetle as similar to a Sawyer Beetle but larger with black and white markings on its back and a black and white pattern on its antennae.

Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association President Jean Schlicklin-Tyler commented on both issues. "We want to pay our share but just assessment is important. We're still

agriculture and it's critical we stay as such. There's no denying that our product is from the land. We will follow the lead of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association which is opposed to these changes. As for invasive insects, it's critical that we remain vigilant and educate the public. It's even more critical that we address this quickly if we find ourselves dealing with them in our forests. Getting the word out is important."



The newly elected Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Association board of directors are, from left: Miles Martin, Eric Thompson, Eleanor Reed, secretary; Peter Kennedy, Jean Schlicklin-Tyler, president; Tom Dawson, Roger Hutchinson, treasurer. (Missing: Ed Barklay)

Electric motors allowed on Tamarack

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Confusion seems to reign on Tamarack Lake where signs say no electric motorboats are allowed when in fact they are and always have been.

The lake was deemed to be a no-motor lake in 1992 under Department of Fisheries and Oceans' regulations. However, the DFO recently wrote a letter to Highlands East council clarifying

that the ban does not include electric motors. The Coast Guard is asking the municipality to change the signage to reflect that before the beginning of the 2004 boating season.

Highlands East is responsible for removing the signs and posting one new proper sign. If the municipality does not change the signage it could be charged by the Coast Guard.

Monte Gisborne, who has a cottage and an electric-powered boat on Tamarack, also wrote to council express-

ing his disappointment in council's lack of action about the wrong signage, which he alerted them to last summer. Some cottagers on the lake are angry over Gisborne's and other cottagers' use of electric motors and have been putting up their own signs or hurling insults at their neighbours. Gisborne says his boat is legal and non-polluting. He has also offered to pay for a correct sign.

Deputy-clerk Glen Madill says the new sign will cost approximately \$190 and two cottagers have already voluntarily

paid \$103.65 towards the cost. He asked council for direction and councillors agreed that Madill should contact Gisborne about donating toward the rest of the cost. The original signage was paid for by five cottagers on the lake as part of a 1992 agreement with Glamorgan Township but some of those people have since moved off the lake.

Council also agreed to send out a letter to cottage owners on Tamarack Lake explaining the situation and why they are changing the signage.

Taxes ignore development ban

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waterfront development potential.

"We are paying taxes on what doesn't exist. I have no problem with no developing potential... The whole thing is about principle. We are being taxed for a development potential we don't have. If it was about money I wouldn't be here and neither would the Haliburton Forest," says Schleifenbaum.

Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis replied that a lot of people are paying more taxes than they think they should but all of Ontario's municipalities must, by law, use MPAC to do assessments; therefore the municipality had to rely on MPAC to do that job and not interfere. Schleifenbaum responded they should not put their faith in MPAC since the agency's counsel did not provide all the documents required during discovery in 2000. Those documents have since come into his possession and he says they provide strong evidence for his case. Davis said that might be true but "I'm not in a position to make that judgment or appeal."

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that the municipality used to be able to talk to assessors to sort out problems on an individual basis but that was no longer the case.

"You have to think about this from our side of the table. We can't deal with you and then say no to the next person who says 'You settled Schleifenbaum's assessment, settle ours,'" says Fearrey.

Fearrey and Davis as well as other councillors said that they approve of having a managed forest tax incentive program but do not have the authority to ignore or disagree with MPAC's assessments. The issue will now have to be settled in the courts. Schleifenbaum said that it was too bad they had to go to court and incur costs the government will have to pay for.

Dysart's official plan ready

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al's official plan looks like it will be the first to be passed in Haliburton County but it may not be exactly the plan council was looking for.

The major change is waterfront setbacks. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs told Tony Usher, Dysart's planning consultant, that Dysart has to adopt 30 metre setbacks everywhere. The first exception will be for a registered vacant lot, where the tile field has to be 30 metres back but the building can be 20 metres back. A second exception is an already developed lot which can have buildings back 20 metres. Usher says that if a registered lot is too small for a 30 m tile bed setback then they have to put the bed as far back as possible.

The new County Official Plan has also been changed to say there is no development allowed within provincially significant wetlands. Pat Martin, Dysart's planner, says the proposed development beside Elephant Lake's provincially significant wetland would still meet the county's criteria.

Another issue is building density. Usher and Martin recommended that a policy of suburban medium density be adopted of seven to 15 units per acre and that services would have to be available. Resorts would have a seven-units-per-acre maximum based on the total acreage of the resort. There would be no cap on lifestyle residential development. The planners suggested no maximum number of units for residential urban units.

Reeve Murray Fearrey says he would like to see a seniors' housing project of up to 60 units on an acre in the village so did not want to see a small cap for the urban area.

Martin says that, with a recent development proposal for the Hodgson property alongside Lake Kashagawigamog, people are expecting there to be a cap. Council agreed with the planners on the density numbers and they will be written into the OP as well.

Usher says the municipality has lost the battle over the number of lots before an archaeological study is triggered. The ministry will go no lower than three but Dysart's original plan had the numbers set at 10. Another ministry formula will also

snag commercial property development.

The study is only needed for new development on previously undisturbed shoreline or areas of archeological significance.

There are four mine "hazards" in Dysart although staff are not sure exactly where these old mines are. The ministry requires a 1,000 metre setback around old mines they deem to be a hazard or else developers have to prove the mine is not hazardous to the development.

Usher says no new mining hazards are likely to be added to the list because there are criteria in place now for mines to stop them from becoming a hazard. The setback is for old mines when no rehabilitation or stabilization work was done after the mine closed.

When it comes to new mines for mineral resources, Usher has been told by the Ministry of Mining and Northern Affairs that "pigs'll fly before this municipality has areas of high mineral potential." However, Municipal Affairs still requires a section in the OP about areas of high mineral potential; that section is being added into the plan. Usher clarified that aggregate rock is not considered a mineral and gravel pits are not mines.

Half of snowmobile trail system now open, HCSA says

With last week's much-anticipated arrival of snow, half of Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's trail system is now open, with some limitations, to snowmobilers.

Riders are expected to be cautious on the open trails because they are not yet in their optimal conditions and the HCSA does not guarantee that the trails have been groomed.

By Monday morning, six trails were deemed 'limited,' as well as sections of other trails. The rest are still 'closed.'

The HCSA has three grades for the trails: closed, limited and open. As of the time of printing, no trails were yet declared open, which guarantees groomed and safe trails.

The limited trails, according to the HCSA's website, "may or not be groomed," and the HCSA warns riders to "expect marginal conditions and use extra caution."

The trails still have a very thin snow base and require a few more snowfalls before they can be fully opened, the

HCSA says.

The association's groomers have been on the trails several times and are regularly updating the status of the trails.

As soon as the groomers notify the HCSA of the updates, the HCSA posts them to their website.

For the most recent updates on the trails, check the HCSA's website: www.hcsa.on.ca, which the HCSA says is the best source for information on trail conditions.



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Grant means more mentors for kids

Big Brothers, Big Sisters pleased that program's future assured for three years

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

There are 430 single parent families in Haliburton County, according to Statistics Canada. That means a large number of kids who are not living with a mom or dad could use a positive adult role model, says Jim DeFlorio.

DeFlorio is the executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton. He is excited about starting 2004 with a three-year \$75,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. The money is going to be used to maintain the in-school mentoring program in Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes as well as help pay for the development of a "sustainability plan."

In-school mentoring is when an adult spends one hour a week in a school with a child doing sports, baking, crafts, working on a computer or any number of activities. The agency has a goal of creating 30 matches between kids and in-school mentors during the next three years in Haliburton County. Some of the Trillium grant will go towards the cost of a co-ordinator who recruits, screens and assists volunteers.

The sustainability plan will be a blueprint for how the agency plans to keep the program going, as well as the traditional Big Brothers Big Sisters' one-on-one matches, after the grant is up. DeFlorio says a Bowl for Kids in Carnarvon and Minden last year was successful so they are hoping to expand on that event and work on other fundraisers. His goal is to create stability in the program funding so there is no interruption in the programs.

"We're relatively new, about two years now, to Haliburton. They tried to cover Haliburton before with a person who would go up once a week or so from Lindsay but that did not work. We now have a part-time co-ordinator in



Jim DeFlorio, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton accepts a cheque from Peter Forgrave, Trillium Foundation representative. In the back is Cindy King agent president and Laurie Scott MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock.

Haliburton. I think it's easier for people to commit to one hour a week than to a traditional match and that we can reach a lot more kids through in-school mentoring," says DeFlorio.

He is planning to hold a corporate lunch soon in the Minden and Haliburton area to meet with area businesses to talk about partnerships. In Kawartha Lakes he has been successful in getting co-operation from the city, an accounting firm and the school board to allow employees to take

one hour during the school day to participate in the program. He is also hoping to drum up financial support for the program.

Peter Forgrave is a member of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant review team for this area, which extends from Cobourg to the northern tip of Haliburton County. He says the grant was approved because Big Brothers Big Sisters has a proven track record and is a long-standing agency and the team decided there was a strong likelihood of the mentoring program being sustainable beyond the three-year grant.

He commented that by its 100th anniversary in 2013 the national Big Brothers Big Sisters organization in Canada wants to expand the number of kids now serviced from 18,500 to 100,000. DeFlorio says there is a growing awareness of the huge impact even one hour a week can have on a child's life whereas before there was more attention spent on longer time commitments. He believes that rethinking some programs can lead to more kids benefiting from the influence of adult volunteers.

Anyone who is interested in more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters can call the Lindsay office at 324-6800 or call the local co-ordinator whose office is located at Family Services at 457-5345.



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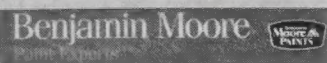
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What matters

January can be such a horrible month. Christmas is over, and with it, something joyous and festive to look forward to. (All that scurrying around to buy presents also helps us keep our minds off how miserably early it gets dark.) The credit card bills make us swallow at the memory of how much we bought into the sentiment that it's better to give than to receive. It's so cold outside that it's hard to get out and ski or snowmobile, and when you do decide to stay cuddled up inside at home, you crank up the heat knowing that another big bill is on the way. Penned in by the cold, unable to get away because our bank accounts are committed to paying for Christmas, we put on another sweater, pull a hat down over our ears and make the best of it.

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editorial

— martha perkins

There's lots to complain about when we look at the world around us. The economy in Haliburton is as slow as the sap in the trees, frozen in the winter doldrums. The forest owners' plight over assessment has everyone worried about both the future health of our forests and what will happen if the forest owners deny trail access to their lands. Everyone's grumbling about their taxes, period. And that's just the view when we look at our own little county. The problems being faced by people around the world can seem overwhelming.

But then something happens that makes so many of those problems seem infinitesimally small. A friend gets sick, very sick. All of a sudden you have an amazing ability to divide life's stresses into categories: problems that can be fixed and problems that can't be. The fixable ones? Just fix them and get over it. Be glad there is a solution. The unfixable ones? Oh, God.

So little else in life matters if you don't have your health. You can have all the money you need and all the success you desire, but if you get sick, none of it means anything. (Although to be poor and sick is the most dreadful of all.) You can't buy your way out of having a disease or say, "I can't get cancer because I'm at the height of my career."

It sounds so trite to say that we have to live each day fully, with grace and thanksgiving, but it's only trite because the truth is so simple. It's not as if we can skip dinner and go straight to dessert because we don't know if we'll be hit by that proverbial bus tomorrow, or drain our bank accounts because who knows if we'll live to our retirements. We have to balance the practical duties of life with the realization that all could be taken away from us at a moment's notice.

What would you do if you or someone you loved got sick? Probably a lot of things that you thought were important would fade into the background. Enjoying what life has to offer would seem far more pressing. Priority would be given to spending time with one another and not caring whether that meant your house wasn't spotless or you weren't able to spend a day off at the office.

Life is a gift to be treasured. So is love and friendship. Don't squander all that you have been given by concentrating on what you don't have or the problems that can be fixed. Be grateful for all the truly important things that you have been given. Pretend it's summer.



Beech River snowmobile bridge

Photo by Darren Lum

Aprons and etiquette

Two bits of memorabilia surfaced in our house this week- one, an apron, hand-crocheted by my grandmother so very long ago; the other, a slim booklet on etiquette (pocket sized) that my father had bought when every young to help him minimize his 'faux pas.' Two tiny items that in themselves are mere curiosities but, in fact, help set the tone of that time long gone.

The apron, so carefully created with intricate patterning and a variety of compatible colours, speaks of a world seemingly less frenetic, with time to sit and the desire to ornament a utilitarian article. That, however, is only part of the story it tells. The actual item, an apron, whether plain or fancy, was in every kitchen. It kept the splashes and spills from marking the clothes. These clothes, when soiled, had either to be scrubbed, rinsed, and hung out to dry, or taken to a cleaner's - a cost not taken lightly in most homes at that time.

That apron can conjure up the image of a time less hectic with quiet time a given, or one of near-endless drudgery. The reality probably lies somewhere in between. One thing is certain. It is a time we can rarely imitate, even if we want to, in our world today and still remain part of our bustling, modern society.

The pocket etiquette book seems every bit as remote. Its title, *Everyday Problems in Etiquette Explained in Pictures*, presents many probable scenarios to aid a boy from the back woods trying to fit into city life - some humorous, some embarrassing. Like the apron it tells of a social order seemingly long past, where the need to know precisely how to introduce a younger person to an older, where to walk on the sidewalk when accompanied by two ladies, how to dress for important occasions, etc. is irrelevant in our time and place. To today's reader, it does provide many chuckles. That little book, however, does not just have instructions for the remote past. Its underlying message is that of civility.

Civil is the root part of the word civility, and even of civilization. We call ourselves a civil society, yet because we seemed in the recent past to be burdened with the intricacies of so many meaningless rules which too often came to be seen as little more than posturing and upmanship, we have come to ignore many of the basic rules that makes our world 'civil.' We have, as a society, acquiesced to the notion that each of us more or less sets our own standards. Gradually, too many are losing the sense of what it means to be civil.

Civil has many descriptive words attached to its meaning in *The Oxford English Dictionary* - decent, seemly, humane, considerate, kind, polite, obliging, unobtrusively courteous, not rude. How can we call ourselves a civil society when we have bred so many young bullies, allowed so much school room disorder, accepted so much lack of courtesy in public places and in the workplace, and listen to much rudeness emanating from our various media. We are badly in need of some common rules.

Perhaps there is a little more than a peek into the past in the two items that surfaced this week - the apron and the etiquette booklet. The apron is unlikely to start a new style, but the booklet has got possibilities. Maybe it could start a new trend. A tiny pocket book, relevant to our lifestyle today, with basic rules of courtesy to be taught to all the young and one expected to be followed by all its citizens might be timely. That just might lessen the rage and the rudeness so prevalent in our interactions. The civil underpinnings of our civilization need all the help they can get.

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Fearless

The other day, I turned on the television only to find myself engrossed by a movie about a pair of evil man-eating lions. At first, I thought it was yet another Siegfried and Roy special, until I realized that there wasn't a speck of rhinestone in sight.

Anyhow, it turns out that the flick wasn't quite as scary as a Siegfried and Roy performance, but it was darn close. These two lions were terrorizing a group of hardworking men trying to build a railway bridge across a river. The lions, however, had no appreciation for bridge building, and so consumed anywhere from six to ten full-sized men between commercial

breaks -- often while dodging bullets and presenting their best side to the camera. It must have been hell on their digestive system.

Of course, it was in the middle of all this that my four-year-old daughter Carmen strolled into the living room and asked, "Daddy, what are you watching?"

At that precise moment, a lion was clawing and biting his way through the hospital tent before even washing his paws or donning protective mask and gowns.

It was barbaric and poor infection control to boot. I blocked the TV and turned it off.

tales from



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"It's an adult movie Carmen. It's not meant for little kids," I answered.

"Why?" she asked.

"Well, it's scary," I noted. "It's about lions."

"I'm not scared of anything," she answered. "Not even lions."

"Really. Since when?"

"Since I learned karate."

"Don't you mean karate?"

"Nope, kar-a-ot-eee," she replied.

It suddenly occurred to me that my little girl might have invented some sort of horrific martial art that combined the destructive powers of karate with the even more fiendish aspects of karaoke. Within seconds, I was envisioning a movie fight scene in which Steven Segal not only beats the pulp out of his opponent, but does so while singing "Feelings." It was almost too much to bear.

Thankfully, Carmen shook me back to reality by demonstrating a few of her karate moves. As near as I can describe it, it looked as if someone had put a jar full of grasshoppers down her pants -- not that it's ever happened to me.

She kicked, spun, flipped, dropped to the ground, lunged back up and shuffled her feet with blinding speed and absolute randomness. It was quite similar to the way I dance. All the while, she screamed, "hi-yah!" which I'm guessing is Japanese for "Help me, someone put a jar full of grasshoppers down my pants."

When her little display was over, she looked at me fiercely and said, "That's why I'm not afraid."

I, on the other hand, was visibly shaken. Perhaps it was that errant high kick.

Having accomplished her goal, she skittered out of the room again, as little girls are apt to do. Soon after, I was once again immersed in the wholesome and timeless comfort that only a pair of fierce man-eating lions can provide.

Typically, as they cornered a hapless victim, I found myself offering futile advice such as: "Quick, pull a thorn out of his paw, dummy!" or "Now would be a good time to mention the box of Ex-lax you just ate."

As always no one listened, and, as a result, countless extras were slaughtered, each in the flower of their acting careers.

Anyhow, later that evening, about 2:30 in the morning to be precise, I awoke to repeated elbows to the head.

"Stop it, I'm not in the mood," I mumbled, perhaps for the first time in my life.

"For what, Daddy?" asked Carmen.

"Uh, never mind... Hey, why aren't you in your own bed?"

"I'm scared."

"I thought you weren't afraid of anything?"

"Karate doesn't work in the dark..." she lamented.

With that in mind I made room for Carmen by vacating myself into her bed.

Actually, I don't mind this so much, every now and then. The fact that my feet stick out from under her blankets provides my self-esteem with the much needed illusion of height. In a way it's therapeutic.

But later that night, Carmen elbowed me to the head yet again.

"Yes, Carmen?" I asked.

"Daddy, what are you doing back in your own bed?"

"Well, I had a bad dream," I admitted.

"Did you have a bad dream about lions?" she asked.

"No, actually," I responded.

"What did you dream about then?" she asked.

"I'd rather not talk about it," I muttered, as I pulled up the blankets and tried to shake the image. But that night's sleep was fitful and frightening. Then again why wouldn't it be? As soon as my eyes closed, Steven Segal began crooning the second verse of "Copa cabaña."



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past is of another teacher at the Gooderham Public School at the turn of the 20th Century (the early 1900s.) Mr. Watson sent this photo of himself to two of his former students, Meta and Viola Valleau, in December 1917. He complains that since he's not considered "a very good fighter" he is still teaching near his home of Trenton. "Saw Miss Dowsnell yesterday," he writes. "She has quit teaching since mid-summer. Remember me to your parents. I would be glad to hear from you any time. Honest, this is the first [photo] I have taken of myself. Did you know who it was?" Our thanks to Barbara Taft, daughter of Meta Valleau, and the Gooderham history project for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

'Pawns' should be grateful

To the Editor:

Martha Perkin's editorial entitled, "When good-will is taken away" raised several concerns. She pointed out that many people felt that the tactics of members of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association were wrong (with regards to closing various trails over private property due to changes in tax assessment of Managed Forests) because the local economy was being used as a pawn. This was considered to be bordering on ill will.

Martha's perceptions may be correct, but the question that I pose is, "Why is it in life that many recipients of good will end up with such a sense of entitlement?" We all have experienced doing something special for others and then they just come to expect it as something they are entitled to. How is it that the withdrawal of the good will can then be perceived as ill will? Why then would anyone be foolish enough to do anything for the greater good (good will) if one was going to be "expected" to do it thereafter?

I do understand that if private property owners have signed agreements that specify a 60-day notice of withdrawal of trail privileges, then 60 days should be expected. However, nothing beyond the agreed to time commitment should be necessary or expected. Private land owners do not need any rea-

son to refuse access to their property. They do not need a just cause nor do they need to explain the reasons for their actions. Previous good will is not synonymous with future entitlement. Whoever benefited from previous good will should be appreciative of any benefits derived thus far. To come to depend upon someone else's good will does not give one an entitlement to that good will.

It is a very real dilemma that much of the local winter economy is dependent upon the good will of private property owners. However, one should never translate this dependency as an obligation upon private property owners to "be responsible for the local economy". Let us be grateful to those who have shown good will; let us not make them regret their previous good will. Let us understand that we are not entitled to their good will. Therefore, let us say thank you to all property owners who (at their discretion) have allowed others to enjoy their land. The only thing to be said by those who feel like pawns is, "We probably couldn't even hold this stakeholder status of pawn if it weren't for private property owners' previous good will, so how can we be of help in their time of need?"

Bernie Davis,
Minden

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Musical feast



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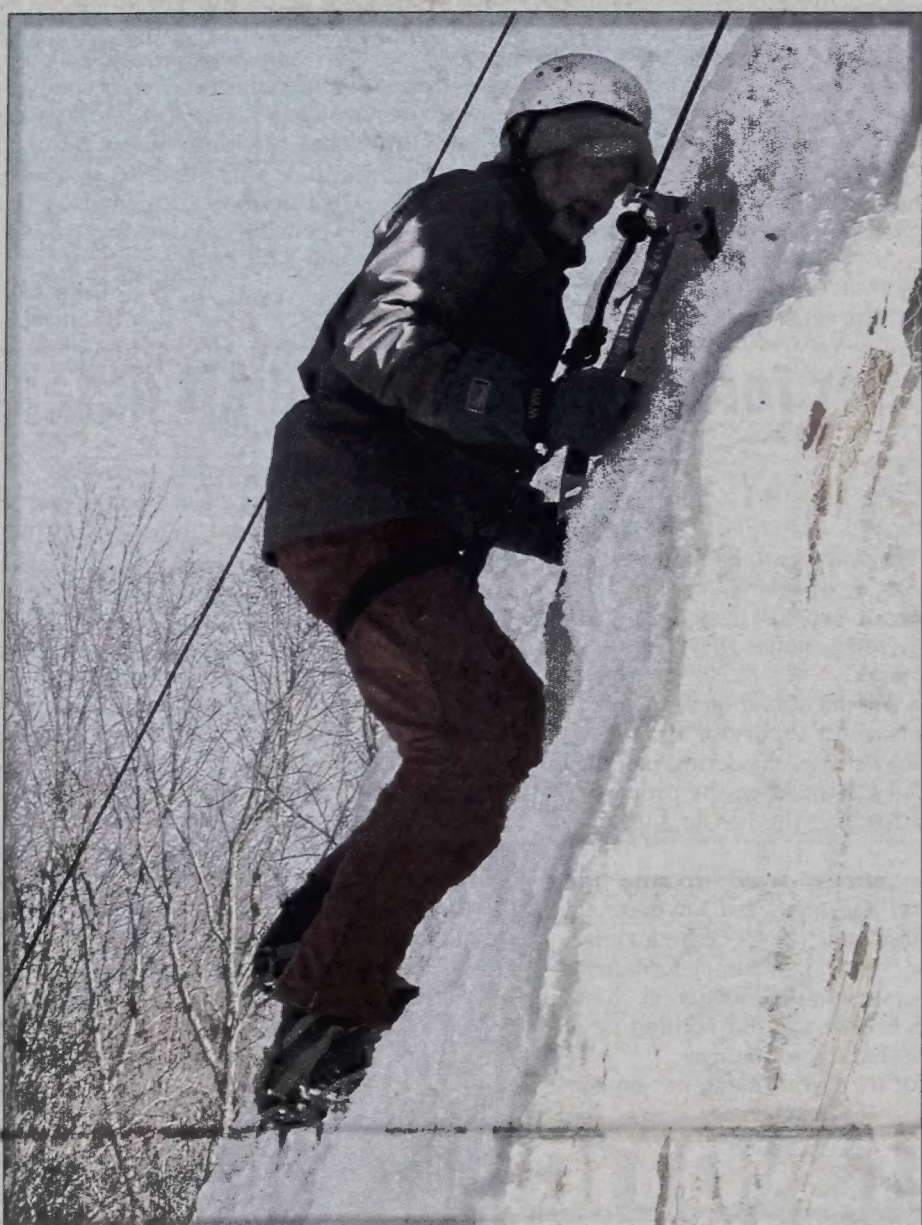


The Celtic Rathscallions delighted young music fans with their recent performance at the Northern Lights Pavilion, bringing with them lots of fascinating instruments and enthusiasm. (below) Enjoying the show were Zach Shantz and Madeline Hopkins. The show is part of this year's Razzamatazz Children's Concerts line-up.





Snowarama raises money for Easter Seal Society and despite frigid weather attracts 58 participants. See story on page 11.



STEVE GALEA/special to Echo

Haliburton resident Peter Brogden scaled the 40 ft. wall while men half his age were not able to complete the climb up the shining tower of ice.

Tales of ice and gravity

STEVE GALEA

Special to the Echo

They came, on one of the coldest days of the year, to place themselves as close as humanly possible to a massive chunk of flesh numbing, bone-chilling ice, thus proving, once again, that it takes all kinds.

But before you question their sanity, I think it's only fair to say that they were the first adventurers this year to heed the call of The Haliburton County Trails and Tours Winter Workshop Series.

In this case, the attraction was a 40-foot wall of brittle icicles and frigid, blue slickness - Medeba Adventure Learning Centre's beautiful man-made ice wall - and the unique opportunity to learn how to climb it.

Forty feet does not seem like a long way, until it's covered in ice and placed straight up on its end. Then you realize that you're not looking at any ordinary journey. It's one that takes guts, skill, determination, physical fitness and know-how. Thankfully for the participants, instructor Michael Bryant and his assistants, Dee Da Silva and Leigh Eddie, were there to provide guidance, wisdom, and encouragement gained by years of experience.

Bryant, Medeba's year-round director

of activity and ministries, has been an ice climber for 11 years and notes that Haliburton is a well-known destination for the small fraternity of that sport's enthusiasts. He was also the driving force behind the completion of Medeba's ice wall, the only one he knows of in Ontario and one of six, he guesses, in Canada.

When it comes to goals in ice climbing, he advises people not to judge success by merely getting to the top. "It's a strenuous sport and extreme cold weather, such as we had, makes it even harder. In the end, I just hope to give everyone a sense of excitement about winter and a sense of accomplishment just for trying out the sport. Getting to the top is great but it's often the ones who have to work at it that get more out of it. We had a good group."

Prior to hands-on experience, Bryant gave a brief, entertaining and informative familiarization session covering techniques, equipment and safety rules.

Shortly thereafter, the eager group got down to business as Bryant and his assistants set up belaying ropes at the wall and helped gear up the would-be ice climbers with helmets, crampons, safety harnesses and a pair of ice axes each.

See **Ice climbing** page 12

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Time for action

The following letter was first sent to Greg Sorbara, Ontario's Minister of Finance.

Dear Mr. Sorbara:

I am the owner of a managed forest property in Renfrew County. I spent a considerable amount of time putting together my own forest management plan and I hired a professional forester, at my expense, to check the plan. I signed a contract with the previous provincial government in which I stated my intent to manage my forest for future generations, not for today's quick profit.

The Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), in its original form, was the best conservation tool available for long-term land stewardship. I have seen a substantial increase in my property's assessment as a direct result of policy changes by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Needless to say, I feel betrayed by the provincial government and MPAC.

As well, my wife and I are avid sledders and are members of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. On almost every winter weekend we head north and spend between \$140 and \$160 on gas, food and sundries in the Haliburton and Barry's Bay areas.

This year, however, members of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association (HFOA) decided to close their trails to protest MPAC's changes to MFTIP. Who can blame them? Without the generosity of these landowners, many of the snowmobile, ATV, ski and hiking trails wouldn't exist.

It is most unfortunate that a lot of snowmobilers, like ourselves, have already purchased their \$160 (or \$195) per person trail passes, have paid for insurance and maintenance for their sled and may not get to ride this season. The hard-working snowmobile clubs, run by volunteers for the most part, have been put in a difficult position. Municipal leaders have taken a lot of heat for problems created at the provincial level. The negative impacts on local tourist operators will be staggering.

I urge you to take immediate action to rectify this situation.

Gord Benner
Renfrew County

Editor's note: Members of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association have decided not to deny access to their lands to protest changes to MFTIP until the provincial government finishes a review of the impact of assessment changes. All trails remain intact.

Landowners deserve support

To the Editor:

Re: Forest owners protest changes in Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

In 1966 I walked down the middle of main street in Haliburton. Not a store was open, not a car was parked or drove down the street. That was in February and the walk was from Curry Motors to Elstone's. In that time few people found work in this area and your children always had to leave the area when they finished high school.

What will your lake front property be worth if on the other side of the road there were no trees?

What will your business be worth if the tourists only come in the summer as there will be little to do in the winter?

Snowmobiling took Haliburton from a one-season to a four-season area. The spring was to repair and

clean up from the winter and the fall is used to get ready for another year of snowmobiling.

Property prices are geared to demand and there is little logic being used when cliff and swamp lots with small buildings are selling for \$300,000 to 400,000. It is only a perceived value and it takes little to change a perception or a trend.

Everyone should be behind these so-called land barons because without the use of their land the tax base, the store owner and your job are in jeopardy.

It is a crime that the landowners have been pushed to this; they only want to be taxed as promised by our government. Farming trees, farming corn, we need both but greed on the part of government only sees dollar signs.

Larry Everett,
Kennis Lake

It's time for forest owners to admit defeat

To the Editor:

Years ago when the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program was initiated I, like most others who owned 50 or more acres of land, received a letter explaining the pros and cons of the program. My initial and instinctive response was, hey! I can save some money on my taxes.

At that time the government had more money to spend on staff who would supervise all cutting, planting, etc. on said lands. Considering that all I did was cut my winter's wood on the property I concluded it wasn't worth the hassle and have never regretted it.

As government money dried up and the Ministries of Natural Resources and Environment were downsized these watch dogs became almost non-existent but the M.F.T.I.P. continued. Many of the large land owners continued, tongue in cheek, to receive these tax breaks and did nothing more nor less than anyone else to receive them.

Natural distrust of the government, not unwar-

ranted; perhaps, prompted the forming of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association or perhaps it was the desire for power and authority which is not a commendable position.

Peter Schleifenbaum, with all due respect, summed it up with a quote from Nov. 18/2003 Echo: "We think we're the core and can manage to the nth degree but nature will manage itself."

That is the exact reason that the carrot that was extended years ago (no doubt for political promotion) is now being withdrawn.

It may be difficult to accept, but up till now the H.F.O.A. have waged a reasonably dignified battle, but a losing battle nonetheless.

Now is the time, before someone's reputation is seriously damaged, to admit defeat and withdraw with dignity and respect while it is still an option.

Doing the right thing always results in blessings.

R.H. Henderson,
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Novice B Warm generosity in face of winter freeze

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Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm's Novice B team, sponsored by G.J. Burtch Construction and Minden Lions Club, hosted their home tournament in Minden recently. The boys can be proud of the effort put forth throughout the day.

The first game would see the home team lacing up against Ops. With the temperature in the arena being close to the same outside, both teams chose end to end action just to keep warm. When the final buzzer sounded, the Storm would have the 3-1 advantage with goals by Curtis Ballantyne, Riley Tait, and Devon Upton, and assists going to Owen Flood (2), Jacob Sisson (2), and Nathan Feir.

The second game matched the Storm facing Woodville, a team in which our boys have been unable to conquer. With this in the back of their minds, these young NHL wannabes gave 110% of their

ability. At the end Mitch Byers stood undaunted on the blue ice having had rubber deflect off of every part of his body. He held the game to a 2-3 victory for Woodville.

Finding the back of the net for the Storm were Owen Flood and Mathew Besner. Action was much too intense for any assists to be recorded. Some smart plays made by the defensive players of Tyler Barry, who created several rushes and Liam Wilcox, who made some solid plays at the blue line, kept the score very even.

This placed the home team in the B finals against Orillia. So for the third time that day the boys jumped into their gear and hit the ice flying. Much to the Storm fans' pleasure the boys led throughout most of the game. Scoring was awarded to Curtis (2) and Nathan with assists going to Mathew (2), Owen and Kirk Lopez. But with two quick goals by the opposition in the final minutes of the game, our boys were presented with the B division finalist trophies.

A special thanks needs to be extended to all those parents who spent the day at the arena making sure everything ran as smoothly as it did and also to all of the donations of prizes, food and money to make this a very successful tournament.

Snowarama is sliding in with \$17,336 for the Easter Seal Society.

In the face of bone-chilling weather, when the thermometer plummeted to negative 33 Celsius, 58 snowmobilers braved the elements for the event that contributes to assisting children and young adults with physical disabilities.

As sure as the snow flies in January in the Highlands Randy Grant has been coming up for more than 15 years and bringing 20 to 25 riders with him from southern Ontario.

He has seen his 12-year-old nephew cope with cerebral palsy since birth, which makes it easier for Grant to ask for pledges. "Who can say no to kids?"

He's seen where and how the money that is raised by the society helps children. His nephew has received a van ramp and lift from the society.

"You can't be in a bad mood with Grant around," he says, adding that any challenges pale in comparison to his nephew's. "He's got trouble."

The society has helped families and individuals with the purchase of various equipment such as home ramps, porch lifts, van lifts that are valued from \$3,000 to \$25,000 and specialized car seats.

District manager Anne Driscoll was thankful to the

Haliburton Rotary Club, the event organizer, the snowmobilers, Sid Stamp Fuels Ltd. who provided a fill-up to each participant, and in particular to the trail host, Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve, for making the event possible.

Peter Schleifenbaum, the owner/operator of the forest, said he can't see a reason why the event wouldn't continue if Rotary wishes to run the event at the forest next year.

There are 40 Snowarama events across the province and this is considered one of the largest in terms of money raised, Driscoll says.

Last year these Snowarama events combined helped to raise \$275,000. Snowarama was started by Whipper Billy Watson in 1975 and has raised \$15 million.



Above: Randy Grant gets fuelled by Rotary member Peter Forgrave. Right/below: Snowmobilers came in droves.



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Haliburton:	Stuart Baker ES	February 3, 2004 6:30 pm
Muskoka:	Monck PS	January 27, 2004 7:00 pm
	Riverside PS	January 28, 2004 7:00 pm
Lindsay:	Leslie Frost PS	January 26, 2004 7:00 pm (raindate - January 28, 2004 7:00 p.m.)

For more information please contact the school in your area. School phone numbers can be found on the TLDSB website at

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Registration forms will be available at each location and must be returned to the appropriate school by February 6, 2004.

Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 31st, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.

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STEVE GALEA/special to Echo

The 40 ft. tower of ice didn't seem that high except when scaling it.

Ice-climbing instruction makes experts out of first-timers

from page 9

Though some had experience with rock climbing, not one had ever tackled an ice wall before. By the end of the day, you wouldn't have known it.

Haliburton County Trails and Tours representative Peter Brogden was particularly pleased with both the instruction and the turnout. "Fifteen people, the maximum number we had provided for, came from as far away as Toronto to give this a try," he said. "I think that says a lot about the success of this concept."

Though physically demanding (often climbers would have to stop halfway up the wall to lower their frozen hands to reclaim some circulation), even Brogden, a spry and active senior citizen, succeeded in making it to the top. Some less than half his age did not. "I think this is an activity that every 69-year-old should try," he quipped. "It's very much about technique."

Barrie-Leigh Adamson, one of 12 Sir Sandford Fleming Adventure Tourism students who also participated, did reach the summit, however. She said, "It was great! I did it for the glory and bragging rights. It was a first-time experience and when I heard about it I thought it would be a crime not to take advantage of some-

thing like this, especially when it's in your own backyard."

Like all the other participants, she felt the experience was worthwhile and vowed to try it again someday.

Jo-Anne Robertson of Toronto heard about the workshop from a Mountain Equipment Co-op website she visited. "I liked the fact that it was an introductory level workshop and that it was quite affordable. I've rock climbed before and I've always been fascinated by the thought of ice climbing. It was absolutely

worth the drive. How often do you get these chances?"

With the catch-phrase of "Make Friends with Winter" the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network seems intent on promoting the fun side of living in a winter wonderland. It was a message that was not lost on any of the participants. And while they might not have any cause to climb an ice wall ever again, there was no shortage of memories, photos and smiles to prove that it can be done.

Workshop information:

This was the first in the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network winter workshops series. Partnered with the outdoors centres of Haliburton County, they are intended to provide introductory hands-on experience. From now until mid-March there will be one activity on almost every Saturday. Cost is \$35 for

Trails and Tours members and \$40 for non-members. The exception is the Dogsledding workshop which costs \$85 and \$90 respectively. All necessary gear and a lunch are provided.

Other scheduled workshops are: January 31, Snowmobiling, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Snowmobile Association; February 14, Dogsledding, hosted by Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve; February 21, Snowshoeing, hosted by the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre; February 28, Orienteering and Tracking, hosted by Bark Lake Leadership Centre; March 6, Kicksledding, hosted by Kinark Outdoors Centre; March 13, Cross-country skiing, hosted by YMCA Camp Wanakita.

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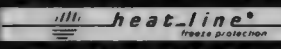
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If you're a youngster there are plenty of competitive opportunities. As skiers reach their 20s and beyond there are loppets like the Algonquin Loppet or the Keskinada to shoot for. For others there is the Canadian Ski Marathon, an annual rite that challenges participants to complete 160km over two days.

Choose a competition and just do it for the fun of it — it really doesn't matter if you come first or last or somewhere in between. Just test yourself a bit. There is an appropriate challenge and age category waiting for all.

One of the most worthwhile events for older skiers is the Ontario Senior Winter Games. All senior (that means 55 years or older) cross country skiers are invited to try out to represent Haliburton in the 5 km cross country ski at the Senior Winter Games in 2005. These games will be held in Barrie during February.

This winter Don Finigan and Pauline Plooard (who represented Haliburton cross country skiing in the

2003 games in London, ON) are going to run the trials. There may be very little warning as to when the trials will occur but they will be at Glebe Park on a Tuesday when the senior Cross Country Skiers meet. You don't have to race; you predict the time it will take you to ski the 5 km loop and the closest to their predicted time is the winner. This is exactly how the cross country skiing competition is run at the Ontario Senior Winter Games.

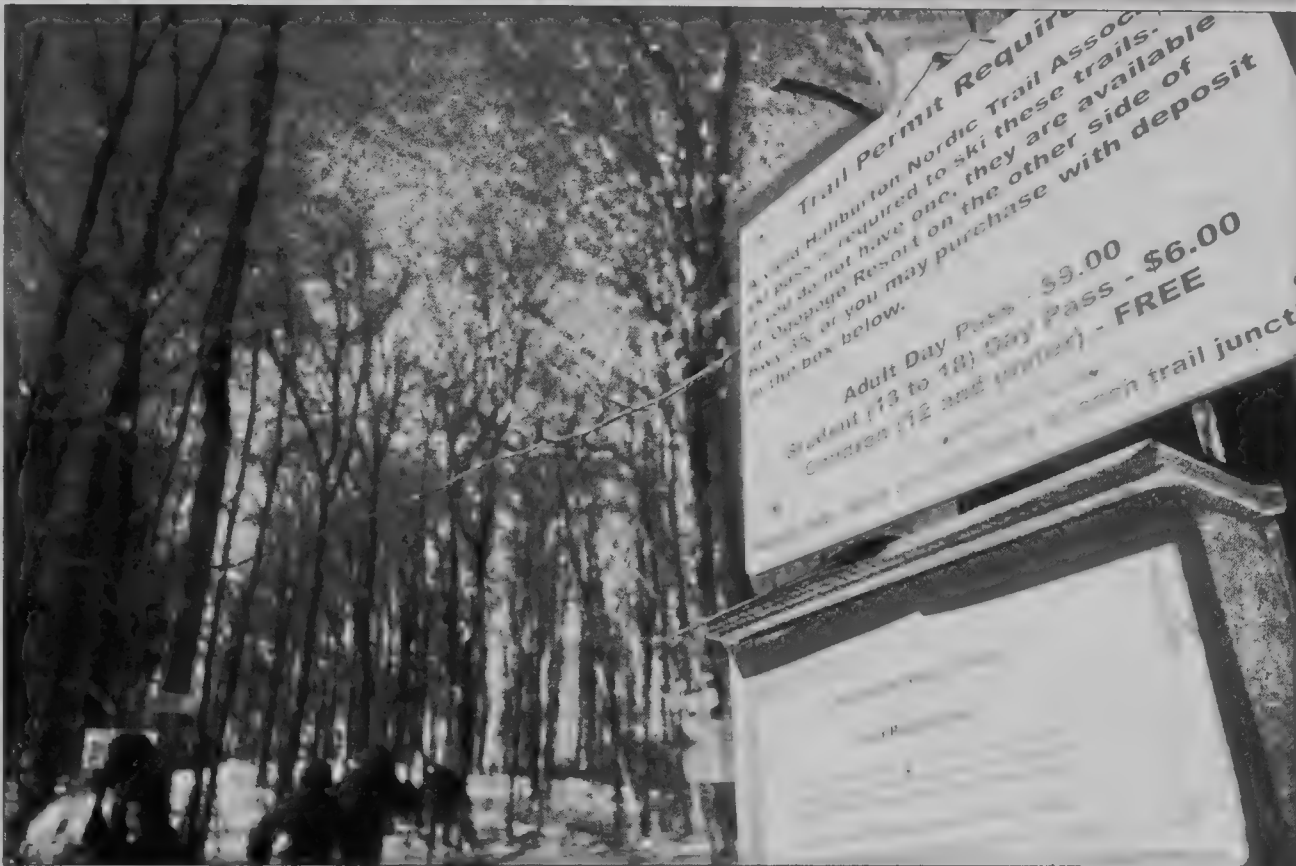
The man and woman who represent Haliburton at the games may take a partner with them for an extra cost. The cost for meals and accommodation

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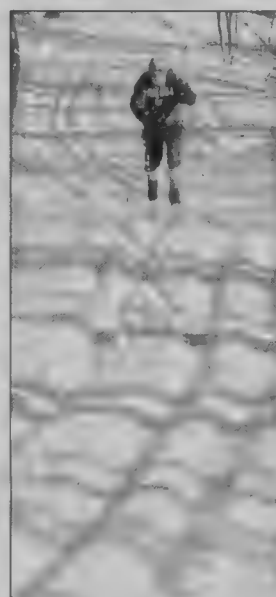
Blake Paton

with a banquet and awards ceremony. Haliburton usually enters a curling team and a bowling team, too, but there are opportunities for skating, hockey, downhill skiing, volleyball and other sports. You meet active seniors from all over Ontario and participate in a grand opening ceremony wearing neat Haliburton tartan vests. So be sure to be at Glebe Park to compete for this opportunity. Watch for the announcement of the trials, likely in late January. To ensure your participation in the trials call Pauline Plooard (286-1590) or Don Finigan (457-2487) and they will let you know the date as soon as possible.

Trail opens



Photos by Darren Lum



The Twin Lakes Trail reopened last week thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Association. There were 20 people who participated in the reopening of the trail since its closure years ago. This 2 km circuit-like trail has numerous circuit combinations and is rated intermediate to advanced. Unlike the Glebe Park trail, which is considered a racing practice skiing trail, the Twin Lakes is well suited to the recreational user. The trail is open to current Haliburton Ski Club members and the public for a nominal fee.

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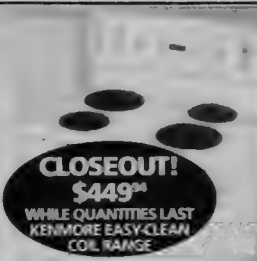
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Groundhogs share February 2 with World Wetlands Day

CATHY OLLIFFE

Environment Haliburton (EH!)

In our part of the world, February 2 is known more for its groundhogs than for its wetlands, which are pretty much frozen solid at this time of year.

But all over the world, even in places where there are no groundhogs and no ice (imagine!), people are marking this date on their calendars as World Wetlands Day, a celebration that is intended to spread the word that wetlands are an integral part of the planet.

From the mountains to the sea, wetlands work for us. Yet, according to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, they are drained, polluted, over-exploited and undervalued. This year the Ramsar Bureau and Environment Haliburton (EH!) want people to understand that wetlands are an essential part of our lives. Ramsar has chosen the theme "From the Mountain to the Sea, Wetlands at Work for Us," to emphasize how important wetlands are to people, the animal world and the environment. Wetlands work for us every day providing water storage and purification, flood water control, groundwater replenishment, nurseries for fresh-

water and marine fish, shoreline stabilization and protection against storms, nutrient and sediment retention, carbon storage, support for biological diversity, climate change mitigation and recreation and tourism. It's the responsibility of each and every one of us, Ramsar representatives say, to consider how we might help in their conservation and sustainable use.

World Wetlands Day is organized every year by the Ramsar Bureau in Switzerland, an arm of the Convention on Wetlands (signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971), an intergovernmental treaty whose mission is "the conservation and wise use of wetlands by national action and international cooperation as a means to achieving sustainable development throughout the world." There are presently 138 Contracting Parties to the Convention, including Canada, with 1328 wetland sites, totalling 111.9 million hectares, designated for inclusion in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

There are several Wetlands of International Importance in Canada, including the Oak Hammock Marsh in Manitoba, where the headquarters for Ducks Unlimited is built, and Polar

Bear Provincial Park.

There are no Wetlands of International Importance in the Haliburton Highlands as yet. But Haliburton County is home to two Provincially Significant Wetlands (Paudash and Elephant lakes) as well as many wetlands that may, some day, be declared Provincially Significant. Then there are the countless, nameless, large and small wetlands all over the Highlands - wetlands that may not attract a lot of attention by people but are home to a host of plants, animals, fish and insects.

"Soon we will have some new data on wetlands in the county, thanks to Ducks Unlimited and the county. We are likely to find that we have a lot of wetland that is important to us," says Heather Ross, chair of Environment Haliburton. "Wetlands are important habitats and play a vital role in maintaining water quality, reducing erosion and flooding. Caring for our wetlands is important in the Haliburton Highlands as so much of our economy is based on our clean and productive waters."

EH! would like Highlanders to take time on Feb. 2 to take notice of wetlands in their own backyards, to appre-

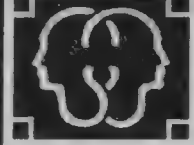
ciate how hard wetlands work for us and to think about what they can do to help protect wetlands in Haliburton County and around the world.

As EH! members like to point out, there are plenty of reasons to celebrate World Wetlands Day.

"At this time of year, we need celebrations!" Ross says. "For far too many decades we have treated wetlands as if they were wastelands. This has been short-sighted. In parts of southern Ontario more than 70% of wetlands have been lost. A day to celebrate wetlands reminds us of their importance and celebrating with others throughout the world magnifies the efforts we are making here to protect our wetlands."

To celebrate, EH! is sending letters and posters to local municipalities and having Steve Galea, an award-winning outdoors writer, speak to students at Wilberforce Elementary School on Feb. 3.

For more information about World Wetlands Day, what types of wetlands are found in Haliburton County and what the provincial policies are regarding wetlands, please see EH's web site: www.environment-haliburton.ca.



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You are invited to direct any inquiries, comments or requests regarding the Bear BMA expansion proposal to **Pat Soulliere, Area Technician, Ministry of Natural Resources**. Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which **expires on February 23, 2004**.

The proposal is being planned in accordance with a **Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects**. A notice of completion will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. MNR may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

For more information on the project, to submit comments, or to request further notice, please contact:

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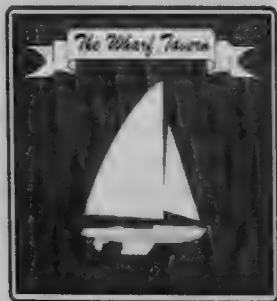


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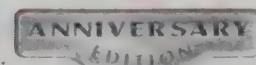
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Green inventor trailblazes a future for children of tomorrow

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Deanna Gisborne peers under the red square hood of the 1974 Gilson snowmobile parked at her Tamarac Lake cottage, too young to understand the significance of the nickel cadmium batteries her dad is excitedly pointing out, and far too young to understand that her father has invented what it is likely Canada's first operating electric snowmobile, largely for her.

Monte Gisborne's interest in engines was bred into him by an "autophile" father, a man obsessed with cars. There also seems to be an over-abundance of electrons bopping around in Gisborne genes that calls them to tinker with electricity. Gisborne's ancestor, Frederic Newton Gisborne, a Canadian telegraph pioneer, succeeded in creating the first transatlantic telegraph in the 1850s.

More than a century later little Monte started building electric motors while attending elementary school in British Columbia. At the age of 14 he restored a 1937 Dodge. In 1996, Gisborne used know-how gained during the completion of technology and mechanical engineering degrees, and an electric vehicle course at Durham College, to convert a 1991 Pontiac Firefly convertible into the "ElectriFly." His electric car placed 10th out of 50 entries in the American Tour de Sol, an electric vehicle rally. In 2003, Gisborne's newest entry placed first.

"Competing in the first rally was mind bending. My mom and dad were my pit crew. The rally is very demanding; we really had to become a team. It was a life changing experience," he recalled with an ear-to-ear grin.

He says that as an adult his fascination with motors and cars turned him into a Jekyll and Hyde character. He loves the power and speed of machines but hates the pollution they caused. When Gisborne met his wife Denise a decade ago, and they decided to start their own family, things changed.

"There's something about knowing you're passing on a torch. I wanted to right what was wrong with the world and make changes beneficial to the next generation," says Gisborne.

The change he wants to focus on is replacing smog-producing combustion engines powered by non-renewable fossil fuels with electric engines drawing power from preferably clean, green energy sources such as hydro dams. He now lives in Whitby and works at Canada's first electric car dealership, Enviromotive, which sells electric cars to

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Monte Gisborne shows his daughter Deanna the enormous batteries under the hood of the electric snowmobile he designed.

Canadian fleet operators such as the Department of National Defense.

"I have a general philosophy of techno-environmentalism. My definition of enjoying (motorized) recreational aspects of cottage country while decreasing the footprint on the environment," Gisborne explained.

The owner of electric cars and a boat, Gisborne turned his eye last fall to his winter needs and started working on an electric snowmobile. The problem with gas-powered sleds, he says, is that a snowmobile engine is inherently inefficient. He estimated a third of the fuel in a two-stroke sled engine exits the exhaust and is sprayed through forest or on the surface of bodies of water. Once the ice melts the gas becomes part of the ecosystem killing algae, an important food supply. Four-stroke engines are slightly better, he says.

Gisborne's electric motor is 85 per cent efficient versus a gas-powered sled which he says is only 15 per cent efficient.

"I can go four times as far on the energy I have on board but can't store as much energy (as a gas-powered sled). But I use all of what I have. And if I run out of power I can pull up to any cottage with electricity, fill up and pay with the change in my pocket," says Gisborne.

The challenge in designing an electric engine for a sled is weight. The 12 nickel cadmium batteries he has installed in his sled add an additional 250 lb. to his machine, which is why he chose a model more than 30 years old. The Gilson was designed to be a workhorse on the farm and has a steel chassis and tunnel. It also has a square front end that could nicely house some of his square batteries; others were added to the back to balance the weight.

Gisborne calls his "proof of concept" a SK-E-DOO. He has done extensive research and says there are a few groups working on electric snowmobile designs but to his knowledge he is the first to get a sled running.

On the day of this reporter's visit the temperature was a frigid -27° Celsius and the Gilson started instantly at the turn of a key; no warm up time needed for this machine. The frigid temperatures have not proved to be a problem for the sled but they are for the rider. At the time of the interview Gisborne had only managed to stay outside long enough to do two laps around the road that circles Tamarac Lake, approximately eight miles. He predicts the sled's batteries will run for 20 miles on one charge.

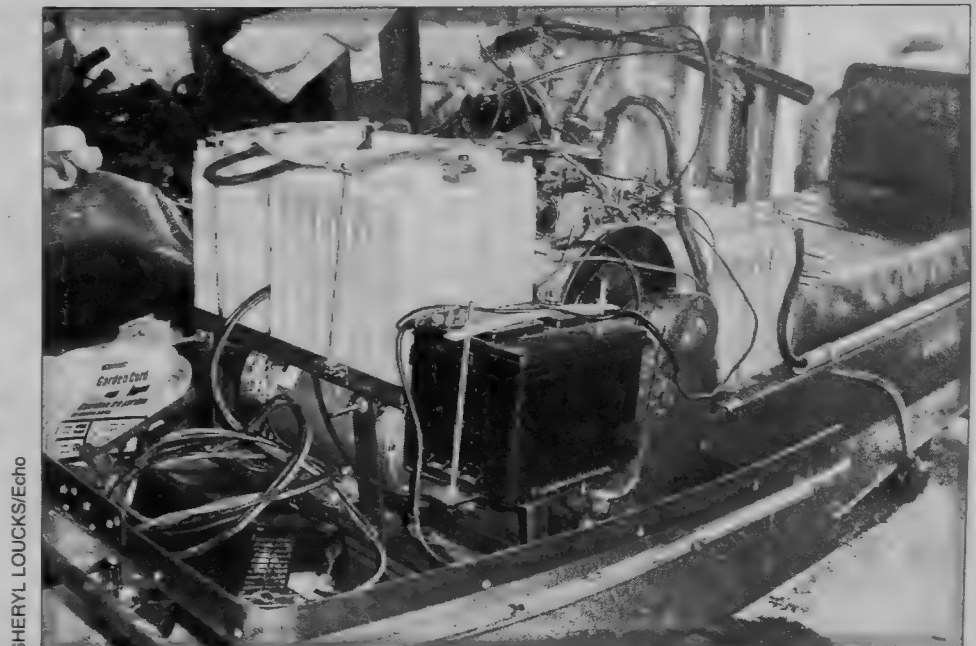
Gisborne had a look of smug satisfaction while discussing the cost of fueling up his batteries; at five cents per kilowatt hour it would cost 20 cents for him to charge his batteries.

The savings from the cost of gas would quickly pay for the difference in the initial cost for an electric sled. Gisborne estimates the cost of the batteries at \$5,000 but the price is rapidly dropping as factories start to mass produce them. The total cost of an electric sled built from scratch he estimated at \$12,000. His

SK-E-DOO is capable of doing 50 miles an hour on 400 amps but he has it set at a maximum of 250 amps or 30 miles an hour.

Gisborne says there is no chance of a rider being electrocuted on the sled and it is quieter, although, not as much as he anticipated, than a standard sled. He says there is an advantage to having the sled produce some noise because people can hear the sled coming. His plan is to hook up a trailer to the sled to carry his daughter and the family's gear from the car parked at the end of a hard to drive road to their cottage in the winter.

Gisborne's dream is to build a solar-powered electric snowmobile but he is not there yet. He believes manufacturers will be interested in the concept and his dealership would be interested in selling them. However, Gisborne admits that in the back of his mind he is already toying with another idea, the electric All Terrain Vehicle. If he has his way his little girl will never need gas no matter what she chooses to drive in the future.



The snowmobile is powered by 12 nickel cadmium batteries that weigh 250 lb.

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The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 Dance Class, in its first year as part of the school's curriculum, showcased their talents with a performance dubbed "Let's Dance" at the Performing Arts Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton on Tuesday, Jan. 20. A near packed house saw originally choreographed numbers arranged by teachers and students which ranged from interpretative dance, hip-hop to show tune favourites. Set to contemporary music, the collection of dance numbers also included A Chorus Line's "One".



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By Melanie Shapiera, Student
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

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Let's Dance shows students' efforts

As I walked into the kitchen the other day, my feet sent a number of books scattering across the floor. I immediately heard a very upset voice exclaim, "Grammy you just kicked Hailey, she was reading No Elephants."

I looked down at my three-year-old granddaughter Rachel and met two innocent, blue eyes set in a very serious upturned face staring at me. I apologized for my foolish mistake and she set about re-arranging her books and imaginary friends on my kitchen floor. As I delicately stepped over "The Little Fish That Got Away", "Leo the Lop", "Pinocchio" and a multitude of other such titles, I thought about donating a few of her 50-odd books to a good charity like the Help First Nations Book Drive Challenge.

All thought of giving away some of her books disappeared when I heard her narrative, "My doggy died, my doggy gone...my doggy star in sky....". This was her interpretation of "Puppy On The Farm" coming from her imaginary world.

In her short three-year lifespan we have all spent many hours with her cuddled up to us and reading her stories. Evening after evening, my daughter Dawn and Rachel crawl into Rachel's little tent that is set up in their living room and they spend hours taking turns reading to each other. By growing up with books, Rachel has developed a real love for books and has developed the capacity to make stories very lifelike.

For generations parents have enjoyed reading aloud to their children and have witnessed the wonderful power of "story", or narrative that fascinates and captures the imaginations of their children. But reading to your child during their early years provides more for the young learner than imaginative pleasure. It can significantly contribute to academic achievement as well by improving listening to skills, thinking skills and sharing.

January 27 marks a very special day. This is Family Literacy Day and all across Canada people will be celebrating literacy and families. The focus is on the importance of reading for the whole family. Children watch and listen while being read to and at the age of three are capable of memorizing chunks of text and as they grow, they will memorize whole stories. Good stories enjoyed together not only bring a parent and child closer but offer rich opportunities for children to write, draw and dramatize.

How do you think you will feel when your child snuggles into you and looks up at you and says, "This is the best book we have ever read together"? Parents take a few moments out of your busy schedules and read a story with your child. Explore stories together and approach the story in the same spirit of discovery as your child. Make Family Literacy in your home all year round.

"Let's Dance!" Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Dance Recital 2004 presented by HHSS's first ever Grade 10 Dance Class was a success. To master the art of dance requires tremendous self-discipline, patience, focus, commitment, dedication and hard work. The young participants performed their interpretation of dance portraying emotions such as depression, confusion, and love through actions arranging from bursts of staccato movements to crumpled dancers struggling to rise from the floor.

All the skills and qualities these young people learnt are valuable not only now but will follow them through their high school careers at HHSS. Great work students.

Accolades also go out to teacher Sharon Dibblee, the Haliburton Dance Arts Inc., Barrie Wood and all other volunteers who made this possible.

We are very fortunate to have volunteers in our community. It was a lake of rust-coloured water that greeted Bill Lewis when he came into the Harcourt Community Centre the other day. The cold weather had

caused a water pipe to freeze and burst turning the Centre into unwelcome mess. This was certainly not in his job description of custodian but Bill went about and cleaned the mess up. We all thank Bill for going beyond the call of duty and bringing a glister back to the Hall. Looks Great! Thanks.

Up-Coming Events:

January 28 - Harcourt Community Centre. Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m.

January 28 - Harcourt Community Chapel presents its Annual Chapel Update and Pot Luck Supper. Ladies please bring casserole or salad and a dessert. This starts at 6:30 p.m. Please bring the whole family. Everyone Welcome!

January 29 - Harcourt Community Centre. Euchre starting at 7:30 p.m.

February 1 - Harcourt Community Chapel will be showing a video on Jesus teaching on circumstances and conditions as we approach the end of the age. This is part 1 of a two part series that will conclude on February 8th. This starts at 7:00 p.m.

February 6 - Harcourt Community Centre - Pre Teen "Valentine" Dance. 8:00-11:00 P.M. \$3.00 Wear "Hearts" or "Something Red". Prizes to be given out for most imaginative Valentine fashion. Ages 7-16 years welcome. Please be prepared to show proof of age.

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Valerie Smith
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Chyna Schell performs a Carrie Oke (Haliburton Dance Arts) choreographed number to the music, On My Own by The Used. Schell, an experienced dancer, received a strong ovation.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: February 9th, 2004

TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant:** Habib/Appleby
Location: Drag Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 4, Concession 8 Township of Harburn.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Peddie
Location: Kawagama Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 1, Concession 14 Township of Havelock
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Pope
Location: Haliburton Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 15, Concession 4 Township of Harburn
 - Defined as Parts 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Sheard
Location: Kashagawigamog Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 7, Concession 7 Township of Dysart
 - Defined as Parts 3, 4 and 5 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Turner
Location: Little Kennis Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 27 & 28, Concession 5 Township of Havelock
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Coe Fisher Cameron OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicants:** Vasey
Location: Kennis Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 6, Concession 13 Township of Guilford
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 20th day of January, 2004.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 11th, 2004.
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-03-026 – Gary and Gianna Loader
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize an illegal shoreline deck.
 - Permit a multi-level deck in the Open Space 5 zone.
 - Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 3, Lot 43, Plan 636, Dudley Township (Miskwabi Lake – north shore).
2. D13-MV-03-032 – Patrick and Louise Croft
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize an existing seasonal dwelling and frame shed.
 - Reduce street setback to 30 feet.
 - Reduce interior side building setback for a main building to 5.1 feet from the south side lot line.
 - Reduce interior side building setback for an accessory building to 1.4 feet from the south side lot line.
 - Reduce the rear building setback for a main building to 19.6 feet.
 - Reduce the parking space location to 19.6 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 10, Lot 165, Plan 523, Harcourt Township (Benoir Lake – Jennifer Drive).
 - This is a condition of application for consent H-019/2003.
3. D13-MV-03-033 – Patrick and Louise Croft
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize an existing lot, frame shed and illegal gazebo.
 - Reduce lot area to 0.37 acres.
 - Recognize lot frontage of 117 feet.
 - Reduce interior side building setback for an accessory building to 1.35 feet from the north-west side lot line.
 - Reduce the water setback for a gazebo to 24 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 10, Lot 166, Plan 523, Harcourt Township (Benoir Lake – Jennifer Drive).
 - This is a condition of application for consent H-019/2003.
4. D13-MV-03-034 – Allan and Trudy Metcalfe
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize an existing seasonal dwelling and an illegal private cabin.
 - Permit a second floor of a private garage to be 1040 sq. feet in area.
 - Reduce the side building setback for a private cabin to 8.5 feet to the south side lot line.
 - Reduce the side building setback for a private cabin to 11 feet to the north side lot line.
 - Reduce side building setback for a seasonal dwelling to 12.5 feet to the south side lot line.
 - Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 7, Lot 24, Plan 362, Harburn Township (Curry Road – Haliburton Lake).
5. D13-MV-04-001 – John James Turner
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize the location of an existing seasonal dwelling.
 - Reduce the side building setback to 14.1 feet next to the west side lot line.
 - Location: Part Lots 27 & 28, Concession 5, Lot 6, Plan 595, Havelock Township (Little Kennisis Lake).
6. D13-MV-04-002 – Ronald and Sheila Stackhouse and Aaron Galbraith
 - Purpose and Effect: to recognize an existing frame storage building.
 - Reduce the street setback to a minimum of 42.7 feet from the centre line of County Road 18.
 - Permit an eave to extend 10 feet into an exterior side building setback.
 - Reduce the exterior side building setback to 32.5 feet.
 - Reduce to the rear building setback to 32 feet.
 - Location: Part Lots 9 and 10, Concession 7, Dysart Township (Cty Road 1 and Cty Road 18).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: January 26th, 2004

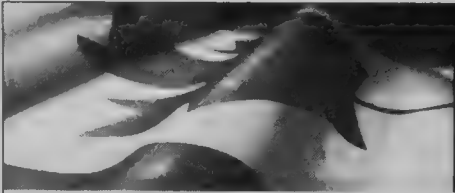
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Information for reunion on web

The high school's 50th anniversary reunion is in May of this year. If you are interested in attending see website: www.tlidsb.on.ca/schools/hhss/index. This will set you up for the limbs to all the information you need.

Should you plan to attend, please respond so that you can be registered as this will facilitate the planning of programs, food, etc. If you don't have access to a computer you may get in touch by calling the high school or writing.

Bernice (Morrison) Taylor was involved in an accident on the way

home following her mother's (Doreen Stevens) funeral. A car in a hurry to pass hers sideswiped it and caused several cars to collide or go off the highway. The only injury was to the driver who caused the accident.

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

Continuing Guilford family news: Dick and Jean Henderson's family, Bev and Martin, has expanded to become Bev and Colin Stewart with two daughters, Fiona and Sophia in Aurora, and Martin and Manuela in Pickering with their daughter, Jessica and son Nicholas.

Local college students seek support

ERIN FOSTER

Special to the Echo

In the past, the Sir Sandford Fleming College students at the Haliburton Campus have been responsible for conducting the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Conference. The students are currently evaluating how to improve this event.

Within the definition of ecotourism lies the principle of supporting local communities. In order to bring this principle into practice, our primary motivator is community involvement. Historically, the conference has been held outside of the village of Haliburton and we would like to bring the event into the communi-

ty. Therefore, we feel that it is important to involve the local community in our decision making process.

If you would like to become involved in the 2004 event we are looking for suggestions, recommendations and comments from local and surrounding businesses, individuals and organizations. Any inquiries should be directed by email to efoster@flemingc.on.ca or mailing Community Suggestions c/o Sir Sandford Fleming College BOX 389, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0 no later than Monday, February 9.

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Wilberforce Heritage Guilds holds first meeting, 2004

Highlights include: Red Cross Outpost being named National Historic Site

The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild was held at the Outpost on Monday, January 19. Re-elected to the board for 2004 were: Cathy Agnew, Hilda Clark, Flo Elliott, Judy Johnson, Marlene Robertson, Flo Taylor, Ken Sanderson, Nadeen Sanderson and Gerald Shackleton. Finances and activities of 2003 were reviewed and approved. Among the highlights for 2003, the designation of our site, the first Red Cross Outpost of Ontario, as a National Historic Site of Canada by the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Sheila Coops, was most exciting. It will be two

years before the plaque will be installed. Another highlight was the "Bring An Ancestor or Artifact" afternoon during Heritage Week in February. What an interesting time of sharing mainly family stories. That will be repeated Feb. 19 with we hope, lots more stories. The next regular meeting of the W.H. Guild is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2. Visitors are welcome to sit in on board meetings.

Robbie Burns, the Scottish Poet was well celebrated with a delicious roast beef dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, January 24. Earl Cooper piped

in the Haggis carried by Vicky Shcherbak, assisted by Ruth Vaughan. Earl then addressed the haggis before piping it back to the kitchen for serving. Great bread pudding topped off the meal. Vicky led an interesting fun quiz on all things Scottish and Burns related. Thanks ladies for a pleasant time.

Recent snowfall has made snowmobilers happy. We see more around the village at the X-Roads Restaurant, at the stores and service station. Happy safe trails!

The United Church presents their Breakfast on Sun. Feb. 1 between 9 and 11 a.m. Always a good meal - with choice of eggs, pancakes, toast, juice, etc. Service follows at 11:30 with the Gentlemen of Song the featured choir. Meanwhile at St. Margarets, Eleanor Cooper will play the organ and Earl Cooper will deliver the message. It is good of them to be with us while Rev. Greaves is at Youth Weekend and organist Elsie Lewis accompanying the "Gentlemen of Song".

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Mathews family with the death on Monday, January 19 of Robbin-Lee

Mathews at the hospital in Haliburton. She was the beloved daughter of Dan and Arlene Mathews of Wilberforce, sister of Toni Lynne of Nepean, granddaughter of Hellen Drimmie of Peterborough and Charlotte Nichols of Wilberforce. She was predeceased by her son Mathew and brother Ben. She

was in her forty-fifty year. Funeral service took place at Mt. Albert United Church on January 22. Robbin-Lee will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her time of suffering is over.

Literacy Day is January 27. Read something today. Encourage someone else to read. Everyday!

On Sunday evening January 25, the audience at the Lloyd Watson Centre were treated to a wonderful program of uplifting music by the Kawartha Lakes Bible College Youth Choir. One of the participants was Daniel Vanier of Wilberforce who is attending the College this year. As well as taking part in the music Daniel led the devotions. This excellent evening was sponsored by the Harcourt Community Chapel.

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Daryl Sisson Jr wins Pat & Phyllis Trout Derby

Reviews:

Our Branch had its Pat & Phyllis Gallen Trout Derby.

1st Place Winner - Daryl Sisson Jr.; 2nd Place Winner - Steven St. Syr.; 3rd Place Winner - Jeremy Wright. We would like to thank our sponsors: Agnews, Elephant Lake Lodge, C.A.W. Local 222., Monmouth Fire Dept., South Algonquin Cookhouse, The Variety Store, Fiske Lunch Box, Wiberforce Esso, Kenwood Forest Products, Cross Roads Café, IGA., Linkert's Bakery and Harcourt Timber Mart.

Robbie Burns Night was a successful event. Thanks once again to our Ladies Auxiliary: Pres. Joan Clark and Minnie Compton, Roberta Walsh, Lynn Burns, Joyce Vaughan, Elois Sommerville, Vicki Shcherbak, Ruth Vaughan, Jan Simon, Joan Meharrie, Marg Ridiout, Dorothy and Harold

Bedington. The dinner was great and so was the Haggis.

Views:

January 31 we will have dance with a D.J. Jamie Baker.

February 1 is Super Bowl; wings will be available.

February 6 is the Birthday Bash and Pot Luck Dinner.

February 7 is Karaoke Night.

February 28 will be the return of Joe Fisher to do his interpretation of many fine performers.

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night. This is a social night; I have been told that some would like to have NEW DART PLAYERS come out, so they might be able to put together a competitive team, to play competitive darts against other Legions.

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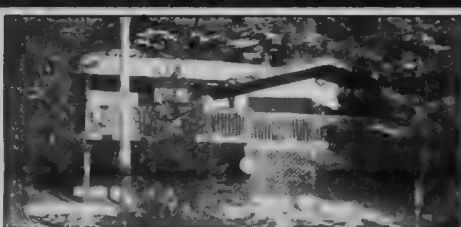
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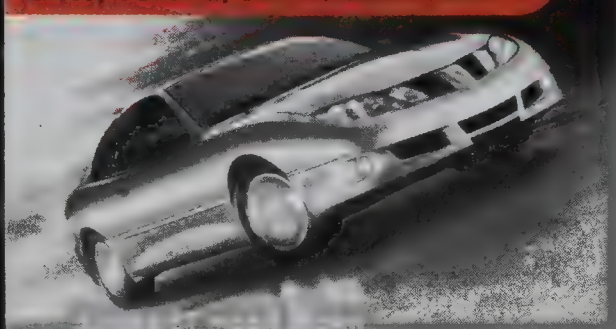
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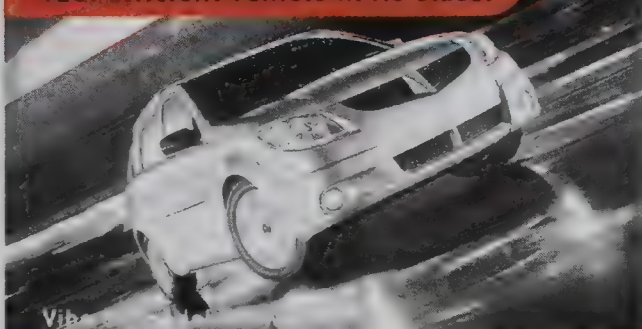
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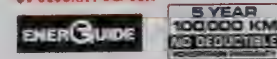
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- **Jan. 27: Ontario Early Years Centre** (Minden) will be celebrating "Family Literacy Day." Join us for story time and receive a free book for your child.
- **Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23: Ontario Early Years Centre** Haliburton Victoria Brock – Kids Have Stress Too! This workshop series helps you as a parent to better understand stress and get ideas to help teach your child ways to manage it. Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Minden. For info or to register call Bev at 286-1770. Childcare available upon request.
- **Feb. 3: It's Bake Day** at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden). We will be making Fruit Kebobs at 11 a.m. Call 286-1770 for info.
- **Feb. 4: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary** mtg at 1:30 p.m. at the hospital.
- **Feb. 4: Wednesday Night Fun Volleyball** – Meet people and have fun playing. Wed. night 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (anyone over the age of 18 years old). Starts Feb. 4th. Call Harold 457-9525.
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- **Feb. 11:** The regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Minden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m. will be Guy Scott - "Country Fairs" - the subject of his new book. No charge - everyone welcome. Refreshments available. For details contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.
- **Feb. 12: Valentine Luau** and Pot Luck lunch at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please sign-up. 286-1770.
- **Feb. 13: Italian Dinner** and Silent Auction, Sat. Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 8:00 p.m. Auction, at Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton, Fundraiser for Mission Trip to Ecuador, 9 people from Haliburton travelling for Christian outreach. For prices, call Jamie at 754-3914.
- **Feb. 18:** We will be having "Beach Day" at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden). Let's pretend it's summer again and play some beach games! Call 286-1770.
- **Feb. 24:** Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) will be having a pancake and sausage lunch. Please call to sign up. 286-1770.

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Special to the Echo

The Roast Beef Dinner on January 16 was a great success. It was a sell out and we're sorry that we had to turn a few people away but that is the reason it is a good idea to get your tickets ahead of time.

On Saturday, February 14 there will be a Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the legion. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. and the dancing to the live music of "Lou Moore and his Friends" will be from 9:00 -1:00. Tickets are available from the bar

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The Student Public Speaking Contest will take place in the auditorium on Saturday, February 21 at 1 p.m. This is most entertaining afternoon and there is no charge so come out and support the youth of our community. Everyone is welcome.

Members PLEASE remember that the next General Meeting is Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Mark it on your calendars now.



Robert Burns' day was celebrated by more than a 100 people at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday evening, Jan. 25. This annual event celebrates the famous Scottish poet and songwriter who contributed to Scottish culture.

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CHATHAM BIOTEC LTD. will pay landowners up to \$10,000. every 3-4 years for permission to harvest ground hemlock on their land, please contact us if you have any on your property. Contact Bruce Farmer, (705) 776-2964.

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5 Spd, PS, PB, Air, Cruise,
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WISH TO CONTACT owner of car that was damaged at the Haliburton Home Hardware parking lot on Wednesday, Jan. 21/04. Please contact Box "F", c/o The Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.

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050 VEHICLES

1990 HONDA CIVIC LX - 2 door, 5 sp., clean, runs great, many new parts. Parts car included. \$1,100. o.b.o. Call 754-4020.

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050 VEHICLES

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SNOWMOBILE PLASTIC SKIS - complete with hardware and carbide runners, \$325. Call 489-2050 after 6 p.m.

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150 COMMERCIAL SPACE

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RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT - Highland St. Haliburton, 1 Unit, 925 sq. ft. suitable for office or retail, available October 1st; 1 Unit, 1400 sq. ft. suitable for retail, available October 7th. Details by fax or in person. Contact Michael Easton (B) 457-1574, (F) 457-1578. CA

050 VEHICLES

160 FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM APT. - Haliburton, 118 and Harburn by Elstone's, open concept, fridge and stove included, convenience of washer and dryer in common area, \$525/month plus utilities. First and last required, available March 1, ask for Debra 457-4020.

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HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bdrm., Maple Lake, laundry, sunroom, fireplace. Available Feb.-June, \$595. plus utilities. Call 286-2046.

HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, Camarvon, \$600./month plus utilities. Call 754-1337.

LARGE, WELL-MAINTAINED 2 bedroom apt., 2 separate entrances, deck, highway 118, Maple Lake, available March 1, non-smoker, references, 1st and last, utilities included, \$625/month. Call 754-9732.

MARQUEE TENT 30' X 50' - Green and white canvas, seats 100 people or holds 150 people standing. Call 489-2020 for rental rates and details. CA

ROOM FOR RENT - in shared household. Call 455-9160. CA

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170 WANTED TO RENT

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY! 2 or 3 bedroom house. Mature, responsible, non-smoker, no pets, secure year-round employment. Excellent references! Call Dianne 457-7655.

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

THINKING ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS? Excellent opportunity available. Just walk into this pre-existing business and build your future. All existing inventory and store fixtures included. Located in good traffic area. Serious inquiries only. Call (613) 332-2905 after 6:00 p.m.

200 HELP WANTED

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200 HELP WANTED

JOB POSTING Community Living Haliburton County

Full Time Residential Senior Counsellor (7-month Contract)

Position Type:

Full Time (Contract)

Date Ad Posted:

January 19, 2004

Job Region: Haliburton, Ont.

Application Deadline:

January 30, 2004

Community Living Haliburton County is a not for profit, community based, organization dedicated to supporting adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. We are currently in need of a Full Time Residential Senior Counsellor (7-month contract) **Education, Qualifications & Experience**
• DSW diploma, degree or equivalent.

• 3 years experience working with persons with an intellectual disability and their families.
• Current Standard First Aid, C.P.R. and Crisis Prevention.

• Valid Ontario Driver's license. The successful candidate will need to have the skills to support people with their daily living, including implementation and review of service plans, medication administration, accurate record keeping and documentation and budgeting. You will also be required to acquire a clear understanding of CLHC Strategic Plan and take personal responsibility to implement the outcomes that are outlined in this document.

As a Senior Counsellor, you will be required to work effectively both independently and as a team member. The hours are flexible as the position entails on call duties. **Conditions of Employment** as set out in the CUPE Local 4603 collective agreement.

Please forward resumes with a handwritten cover letter indicating how you meet the above listed qualifications to:

Eleria Bjelis, Support Services Coordinator

Community Living Haliburton County

Box 90,

Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0

Phone: (705) 457-2626

Fax (705) 457-9287

Community Living Haliburton County thanks all who apply, however, only candidates to be interviewed will be contacted. CA

LOOKING FOR EXTRA HOURS?

The New Wigamog Villas Resort is accepting resumes for new flexible hour (including evenings and Saturdays) positions in our marketing department. We are seeking self-motivated team players with energetic personalities. Exceptional phone mannerism is a must. Experience is an asset, but not a necessity. Forward resume to The Wigamog Villas, RR2, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0, Attn: Aaron Tumer, or by fax: (705) 457-9885 or e-mail: atumer@geogrp.com. We appreciate your response, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. CA

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Br. 129, Haliburton is accepting applications for a part-time office and general duty position possibly leading to full time. Applicant must have computer experience with working knowledge of Windows, Excel and Access. Mail resume to Box 129, Haliburton, K0M 1S0 or bring to legion office Tues. to Sat. 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. CA

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200 HELP WANTED

NIGHT SECURITY PERSON REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. Position is responsible for ensuring safety of children, staff, and property nightly from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Previous experience working with children is preferred, and ability to work independently essential. \$10/hr. Please fax, email or mail resumes to: Bruce Middleton, Kinark Outdoor Centre, P.O. Box 730, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0, Fax (705) 286-6184. bruce.middleton@kinark.on.ca

CA

SEEKING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR for busy growing business. Full or part time position available. Reply to Box "E", c/o The Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.

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WANTED TO HIRE WORKERS to harvest ground hemlock, a scrub which grows wild in mixed wood lots, can make \$20. per hour paid by the pound. Contact Bruce Farmer, (705) 776-2964.

240 CAREERS

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CAREY'S FLOWERS AND GARDEN CENTRE - Fall cleanups, tree planting, lawn and garden maintenance, rock gardens, cedar hedges, sodding, free estimates. Now booking for 2004. Call Paul Carey (905) 898-3729 or (705) 754-1680.

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Water pipes, Septics pipes,
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INDOOR CARPENTRY WORK WANTED - Skilled tradesman able to do all aspects from windows and doors to flooring and finish, complete renovations to odds and ends. 457-5311. If there is no answer please wait and leave a message. Your call will be answered the same day.

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• Cottage Servillance
• Roof Shoveling
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• Snowplowing/Blowing
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Call Mike Askew
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SECRETARY TO GO - Resumes, letters, mailing lists, etc. Call 457-3524.

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SNOWMOBILE & ATV SERVICE CENTRE
Service & Repairs to all makes
North Shore Lawn & Garden
Minden
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THE WINDOW GUY, fully insured, residential and commercial window and carpet cleaning, year round, serving Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Haliburton and Minden. Call 457-9239.

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270 HEALTH & FITNESS

STEP IT FITNESS - Beginners Introductory PILATES. Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. January 8th to March 25th. Call 457-1052 (Jane) for info.

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290 COMING EVENTS

CRAFT WORKSHOP
3 projects, everything included, excluding paintbrushes.
4 week classes starting
Feb. 10, 2004
at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.
Deadline Feb. 4/2004.
Please call Suzanne
454-3118.

290 COMING EVENTS

A Special Evening for Haliburton Cottage Lovers

Join us for cocktails, dinner and entertainment at
The Steam Whistle Pub & Brewery, Toronto on
February 12, 2004

Entertainment by the Ya Baby's,
playing the best in classic rock and R&B
R.S.V.P. Sir Sandford Fleming College@ 705-457-1680
Price: \$125. per person

All proceeds from the event will assist in the building of the new
Haliburton Campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College

**Haliburton County Community
Radio Association
(CANOE-FM)
ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, February 10
7:30 p.m.**
Haliburton Curling Club,
Upstairs lounge.
For more information please call the
station at
457-9603

CA

**HIGHLANDS MALE CHORUS
presents
"Singin' Away The Winter Blues"**
at
The Northern Lights Performing
Arts Pavilion
Sunday, February 15
2:30 p.m.
Reserved seating
Tickets \$12.00
from
Nancy's Flowers, Haliburton
or
Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden
754-2999.

CA

**PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!!
Featuring:
"Edgar Wyllie"**
Better known as:
Leo Henry, Rick Stamp, Floyd
Henry and Callum Wood
Date: January 31, 2004
Time: 9:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.
Place: Carnarvon Bowl
Admission: \$5. per person

CA

**ROCKCLIFFE SUPER BOWL
BASH**
Sunday, February 1st
Come for the Football
Come for the Food,
Stay for the Beer,
'Cause the waitresses are Nude.

CA

SNOWMOBILING WORKSHOP
Saturday, January 31st
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Hosted by: Haliburton Highlands
Trails & Tours Network and
Haliburton County Snowmobile
Assoc.

A great primer for anyone new to
the sport of snowmobiling.
Review trail safety, etiquette and trip
planning.

Then head outdoors and enjoy first
hand the beautiful trails of the
Highlands.
Cost is just \$40. (\$35. for Tails and
Tours members) and includes lunch
and snowmobile.

For more information and to register
contact the Trails & Tours Network
Ph: (705) 489-4049
Email:

info@trailsandtours.on.ca
Web: www.trailsandtours.com
Watch for more upcoming
workshops including dogsledding,
snowshoeing, x-country skiing,
orienteering, tracking and winter
survival skills.

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290 COMING EVENTS

Haliburton
**LEGION
BINGO**
Every Wednesday
EARLY BIRD • 50/50 SPLIT
7:00pm sharp
REGULAR GAMES \$50
7:15pm
**JACKPOT
\$400.00**
NIGHT OWL • 50/50 SPLIT

TAKE NOTICE
that the
Annual General Meeting of the
**Haliburton Highlands Performing
Arts Society**
will take place on
Wednesday, the 25th day of
February, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.
at the Northern Lights Performing
Arts Pavilion.
Further information call
Linda Beachli at 457-1011.

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEST GUILFORD
RECREATION CENTRE**
is available for:
Parties, Weddings, Banquets,
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Bingo every Mon. 7:15 p.m.
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Full kitchen, bar and hall facilities available
at reasonable rates. Call Brenda
Harding 754-2581.

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340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

SWITZER'S AUCTION SALE
Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m.
Selling at Switzer's Auction Centre,
25414, Highway #62, just 10 min.
south of Bancroft.
Features: Furniture, appliances, antiques,
collectibles, and tools. We are
accepting quality consignments for
our well attended sales. Please call
for rates and information. **Paul Switzer
Auctioneer/Appraiser, (613) 332-5581,
www.switzersauction.com**

CA

380 BIRTHS

ANDRUS - Bridie is thrilled to introduce
her new brother -

**SULLIVAN WILLIAM RUSSELL
ANDRUS**
born January 16, 2004.
at Ross Memorial Hospital in
Lindsay.

Bridie is less thrilled about sharing
"Sully" with her parents Chris and
Jenn Andrus, her grand parents Dave
and Marg Scheffee and Cliff and Audrey
Andrus and great grandparents
Jim and Loma Scheffee, Merrill and
Peggie Bailey and Cliff Andrus.

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE
BETTY GRANT**

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of BETTY GRANT,
late, of the Township of Dysart, in the
County of Haliburton, who died on or
about the 2nd day of January, 2004,
are required to file the particulars of
such claim with the undersigned solicitor
for the said Estate on or before the
10th day of February, 2004.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last
date named, the assets of the said
Estate will be distributed amongst the
persons entitled hereto by the Estate
Trustee of the Estate, having regard
only to the claims of which the solicitor
below shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
14th day of January, 2004. **RAY-
MOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor,
P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario
K0M 1S0.

CA

440 THANK YOU

SINCERE THANKS
from the family of the
Late Rhoda McKelvey
Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you donated in memory of
Mom
Or performed a kindly deed,
Perhaps you sent some delicious
food,
To sustain us in our need.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest
words,
That any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
As we express our thanks to you,
We want to say as well,
Your kindness means much more
to us,
Than words alone can tell.

A special thank you to son-in-law
David Sproule for his extraordinary efforts
made during Mom's final moments
and to Karen Debmman and Rick
Hayward for theirs as well. To
Kawartha Lakes Emergency Response
Service, Doctors and staff at
Ross Memorial and long time family
doctor, Steve Ferracuti. To Mom's
home support, health nurses, the
Alzheimer's Support Group and Access
Centres in both Lindsay and Minden.
Thanks also to Barry, Kirsten and staff
at the Gordon Monk Funeral Home
for their support and compassion during
a very difficult time. To Rev. Max
Ward for the beautiful memorial service
and to the United Church Women
for providing a lovely reception after.

THANK YOU! The family of the late
Bruce Cook would like to take this
opportunity to thank their relatives and
friends for their acts of sympathy and
kindness when Bruce, (Dad), (Poppa)
passed away. Thank you for the
beautiful flowers, cards, food, phone
calls and donations. A special thank
you to the ladies of Maple Lake United
Church for the wonderful luncheon,
Dr. Hartwick, Doctors and nursing staff
of Haliburton Hospital, Gord for his
comforting words, Kirsten and Barry
for their thoughtfulness and help.
Thank you **Viola Cook and families**.

This is what the surname "BAIN"
means to us: praying, loving, giving,
caring, supporting, encouraging, being
kind, sensitive and compassionate ...
showing the love of God to us in so
many different and tangible ways.
We are so very blessed! To June, my
"sisteress", to our family at Lakeside
and Haliburton United - keep praying,
we love you dearly. Thank you.
Nada and Rick Vaughan.

440 THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK the
staff of Extendicare Haliburton for the
care they gave **Doreen Stevens**
(mom) during her short stay. Also the
staff at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home
for their understanding and kindness
during our time of loss. Thank you to
friends and relatives for their support.
A special thank you to Sheila Bryant
and Joan Cooper, **Ken Stevens, Elwood
and Janet, Evelyn and Raymond, Bernice
and Colin, Bonnie, Gordon**.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BLAIR, HARRY/EMILY - In loving
memory of my parents Harry - June
18, 1969 and Emily - Jan. 17, 1987.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you are always there;
The gates of memory will never close,
We miss you more than anyone
knows.
We who loved you never forget.
Lovingly remembered by the Family.

FLETCHER, JAMES - In loving
memory of a husband and father who
passed away Jan. 30, 2003.
It's only been a year to this day
Since you were taken away.
Love always wife **Jean and children**.

FLETCHER, JAMES - January 30th,
2003.
Dad
I remember the things we shared
about missing?
That big bass while we were fishing.
That Bingo number while we were
wishing
But most of all it is you that we are
missing.
Love always **Dianne**.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF my dear
uncle who left us 1 year ago - Jan. 27,
2003.
I don't need a specific day
To bring you to my mind
The days I do not think of you
Are very hard to find
To some you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past
But to me who loved and lost you
Memories of you will forever last.
Sadly missed, **Rhonda and Mervyn**.

WRUTH, MURRAY - January 27,
2003. Cherished memories of a great
Husband and Dad.
Beside your grave I often stand
With heart both crushed and sore
Silent till the sweet words come
Not lost but gone before
God knows how much we miss you
He counts the tears I shed
And whispers, he only sleeps
Your loved one is not dead
So I'll be brave dear Murray
And pray to God each day
And when He calls me home to you.
Your smile will guide the way.
Love Ruth. Dad I miss you - **Dwain**.

WRUTH, MURRAY - Our Dearest
Pop.
It's hard to believe its been nearly a
year,
And since you've been gone we've
shed many a tear,
But remember you always we certainly
will,
And thank God above you were able
to fill,
Each of us in such a special way that
we will forever be able to say,
You'll live on in us and never be gone,
We'll remember you always with each
coming dawn,
We love you, we miss you and you
were the best,
Each of our lives you have truly
blessed.
Luv Ya Forever
Jim, Dee, Jeremiah and Benjamin.

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AN AD**

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450 IN MEMORIAM

WRUTH, MURRAY - "Murr" - January 27, 2003.
Dad is such a special word,
A word that brings to mind,
A big warm smile, a helping hand,
A way of being kind,
Devotion to the family,
A word of patience too,
"Dad" is such a special word
Because it stands for "You"
Missing you more than words can say.
Love Ya, **Arlene and Charlie**
Papa, the greatest mystery of life is
that we cannot know its true begin-
ning or end. The end of a life begins
a memory - A memory that lives for-
ever, and Papa, I have great memo-
ries...
Love Adam.

Echo Fax: 457-3275

460 OBITUARIES



VANDERLAND, FREDERICK ALBERT
Dad died peacefully at
Haliburton Hospital,
Haliburton Ontario on
Tuesday, January 20, 2004
in his 87th year. His family
was present at his side. He
is the beloved husband of
Evelyn. They have been
married for more than 61
years. Dad was a loving
father to Bill and Ted. He
was dear grandfather
known as "Papa" to
grandchildren Keri, John,
Christine, Robert and Mark.
Great-grandchildren Jaden,
Sydney, and Tyler were
loved. Our extended family,
Nina, Phillis, Richard and
Angie provided love and
support throughout. Dad is
survived by siblings Bill
and Barbara.

Dad will be fondly
remembered by his many
friends and acquaintances
in the area. Mum and Dad
started as cottagers here in
Haliburton about 1952. Dad
retired from Stelco in 1979
at age 62 and together they
built their permanent
retirement home on Billings
lake from the foundation
up. Their home was only
one example of a lifetime of
shared accomplishment and
activity. It was a point of
pride. Truthfully there was
little that Dad could not
build with his hands. He
was always busy with
projects.

Dad's love, friendship,
stories and laugh have
enriched all of our lives.
They live on in our hearts
and minds.

Out of respect for Dad's
wishes there will be no
service. A celebration of his
life will be held on a future
date for family and friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Heyes
and the wonderful staff at
Haliburton Hospital for
their help and
considerations during this
trying time.

460 OBITUARIES

BETTY ISABELLE (nee McPhail) SAWYER
Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital on
Wednesday, January 21, 2004.
In her 76th year.

Beloved wife of the late Charlie, dear
mother of the late Ron. Dear sister of
Willard, Bert, Lila, Everett, Victor and
predeceased by Don, Earl and David.
Fondly remembered by Sheila and
Neilson Griffin, Nellie Thompson and
Carla Landsperger and many nieces,
nephews, family and friends. Friends
were invited to visit the family at the
Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.,
127 Main St., Minden on Thursday
from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in
the chapel on Friday, January 23,
2004 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment
at Maple Lake United Church Ceme-
tery. Memorial donations to the Hal-
iburton Highlands Health Services
Foundation (HHHSF) would be ap-
preciated by the family.

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LOGAN, GORDON IRA - Died
peacefully at the Welland Extended
Care Unit on January 6, 2004, in his
81st year. Beloved brother of Ruby
Spier, Edna Johnston, Jack Logan,
Doreen Fortushnjok (Joseph), Eve-
lyn Vlasic (Walter), Bernice Hanson
(Ken) and Donna Farnsworth (Dan-
ny). Predeceased by his father William
Logan, mother Elizabeth Miller and
step-father Otto Miller. Also brother
Dick Logan (Vern), sister Leona Porter
(Gordon), Vida Austin (Gerald), broth-
ers-in-law James Johnston and Bill
Spier. Loving uncle to many nieces
and nephews. Uncle Gord was an air
gunner for the RCAF, 427 Squadron,
holding the rank of sergeant during
WWII. Following his service, he
moved to the Niagara peninsula and
worked for over 30 years at the Page
Hershey Tubes, Stelco, Welland. He
was a longstanding member of the
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4 in
Welland. He will be sadly missed by
all who loved him and admired his
selflessness and spirit. Family and
friends were invited to visit at the H.L.
CUDNEY FUNERAL HOME, 241
West Main Street, Welland on
Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.
A Legion Service was held Wednes-
day at 7 p.m. A funeral service, con-
ducted by Pastor Bob Bond, was held
in the Cudney Chapel on Thursday at
11:00 a.m. followed by cremation. In
lieu of flowers, donations to the
Welland Hospital Foundation would
be greatly appreciated.

MARY E. WUNKER
Went to be with her Lord on
Friday, January 23, 2004.

In her 84th year.
Beloved wife (60th year) of Robert
J. Wunker. Loving mother of Russell
and his wife Dottie of Miners Bay,
Mary Lou Wunker of Miners Bay and
Haiti and grandmother of Erin E.
Wunker. Predeceased by her broth-
ers Ralph and Edward, and by her sis-
ter Bess. Friends are invited to visit
the family at the Gordon A. Monk Fu-
neral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O.
Box 427 Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888)
588-5777 on Tuesday from 2-4 and
7-9 p.m. Then to the Minden Bible
Church for the Funeral Service on
Wednesday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m.
Reception to follow at the Church
(downstairs). Spring Interment at Pine
Grove Cemetery, Norland. In lieu of
flowers, donations to the OMS Inter-
national for Work in Haiti would be ap-
preciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

MATHEWS, ROBBIN-LEE - Peace-
fully at Haliburton Highlands Hospital
on Monday, January 19, 2004 in her
45th year. Beloved daughter of Dan
and Arlene Mathews of Tory Hill. Pre-
deceased by her son Mathew. Lov-
ing sister to Toni Lynne Mathews of
Napean. Predeceased by her broth-
er Ben Mathews. Cherished aunt of
Thomas and Samantha Mt. Pleasant.
Loving granddaughter to Hellen Drim-
mie of Peterborough and Charlotte
Nichols of Wilberforce. Robbin-Lee
will be missed by many aunts, uncles
and cousins. Friends called at Lath-
angue & Skwarchuk Funeral Home,
19153 Centre St., Mt. Albert (1-800)
209-4803 for visitation. Funeral ser-
vice was held at the Mt. Albert United
Church, 41 Alice St., on Thursday,
January 22, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. fol-
lowed by cremation. As an expres-
sion of sympathy donations may be
made to the Doane House Hospice,
or to the Haliburton Highlands Hos-
pital.



Cook, Norma Cynthia
Peacefully on January 14th
2004 at Lakeridge Health
Bowmanville in her 81st year
with her family at her side. A
wonderful woman and mother
who will be deeply missed by
her children Sandra Irvine of
Port Perry, Richard Young of
Wilberforce, Denise Wilkins
(Doug) of Bowmanville and
Steven Cook (Sherry) of
Oshawa. Lovingly remembered
"Nan" by her grandchildren
Norma Dupuis (Les), Troy
Irvine (Julie), Kyle Irvine,
Deanna Wilkins (Matt),
Courtney Wilkins and great
Nan to Wyatt, Olivia, Alex and
Jayde. Hugs and kisses love
you lots! TTFN. A private
memorial service was held at
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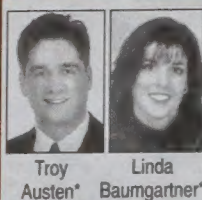
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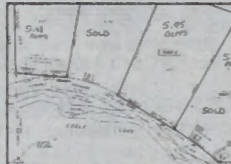


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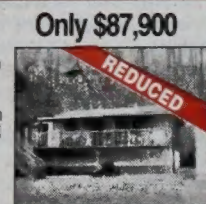


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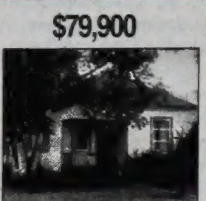
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